

Love Secrets

"I love Mr. Dryden and I feel
he loves me but Chuck jealously
watches my every move..."

See- HIGH SCHOOL AFFAIR



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IN HIS PAST

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They SAY THE PAST CAN NEVER RETURN... THAT THERE'S NOTHING SO DEAD AS AN OLD ROMANCE! BUT THEY ARE **WRONG!** WHEREVER BILL WENT, WHATEVER BILL DID... HE WOULD NEVER FORGET ME! I WAS A BITTER MEMORY THAT COULD NEVER BE ERASED! A SCAR THAT COULD NEVER HEAL! I HAD SPURNED BILL, INSULTED HIM, MADE A FOOL OF HIM! AND YET HE COULD NOT GET ME OUT OF HIS MIND! I WAS A GHOST, HAUNTING HIS PRESENT, OVERSHADOWING HIS FUTURE BECAUSE...

I Was The Girl in His Past



A YOUNG GIRL'S TORMENT!

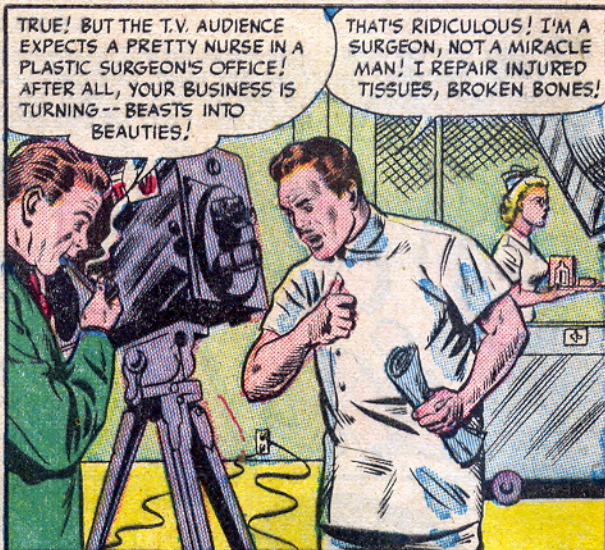
When she meets out of the past
the one man who could never
forget her!

IF DR. WILLIAM STANDISH, PROMINENT PLASTIC SURGEON, HAD HAD A PRETTY NURSE, THIS STORY WOULD NEVER BE TOLD! BUT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, OUR RELATIONSHIP WAS CONCERNED WITH... **BEAUTY!**



DR. STANDISH-- WE'RE MAKING A SUBSTITUTION IN YOUR NURSE! OUR PRODUCER FEELS... WELL, SHE ISN'T PRETTY ENOUGH!

BUT MISS EDSON IS A VERY COMPETENT NURSE! SHE'S BEEN WITH ME FIVE YEARS!



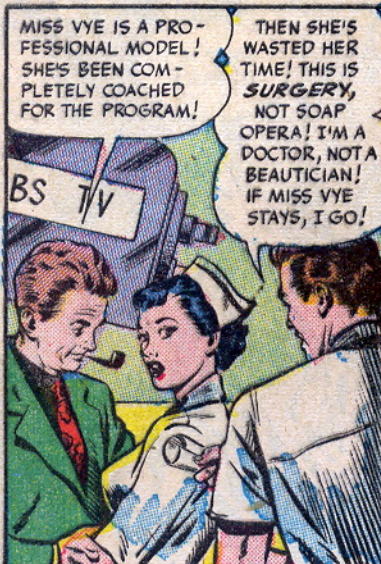
TRUE! BUT THE T.V. AUDIENCE EXPECTS A PRETTY NURSE IN A PLASTIC SURGEON'S OFFICE! AFTER ALL, YOUR BUSINESS IS TURNING-- BEASTS INTO BEAUTIES!

THAT'S RIDICULOUS! I'M A SURGEON, NOT A MIRACLE MAN! I REPAIR INJURED TISSUES, BROKEN BONES!



CORRECT! THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN ASKED TO DO THIS TELECAST IN OUR "INSIDE PROFESSIONS" SERIES! TWENTY MILLION PEOPLE WILL BE WATCHING YOUR BROADCAST! LET'S GIVE 'EM A GOOD-LOOKING NURSE TO LOOK AT! MISS VYE!

YES!



MISS VYE IS A PROFESSIONAL MODEL! SHE'S BEEN COMPLETELY COACHED FOR THE PROGRAM!

THEN SHE'S WASTED HER TIME! THIS IS SURGERY, NOT SOAP OPERA! I'M A DOCTOR, NOT A BEAUTICIAN! IF MISS VYE STAYS, I GO!



WAIT, DR. STANDISH! I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY! IT ISN'T WORTH GETTING UPSET ABOUT! I COACHED MISS VYE MYSELF THIS MORNING! SHE'LL WORK OUT FINE!

BUT IT'S WRONG-- THIS WORSHIP OF BEAUTY! BEAUTY ISN'T EVERYTHING! I WON'T HAVE YOU HUMILIATED LIKE THIS!



THANKS, DOCTOR--FOR YOUR LOYALTY! BUT I ADMIT MISS VYE IS A BETTER ASSET TO THE BROADCAST THAN I AM!

SO BEAUTY CONQUERS ALL, EH, MISS VYE? THANK HEAVENS IT ONLY HAPPENS ON TELEVISION!

As you see, DR. STANDISH DIDN'T DISGUISE HIS CONTEMPT FOR THE MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT! HIS IRONY CUT LIKE A SCALPEL! BUT ONCE THE BROADCAST WENT ON, HE FORGOT EVERYTHING AND BECAME THE DOCTOR...



TWO INCH GAUZE!

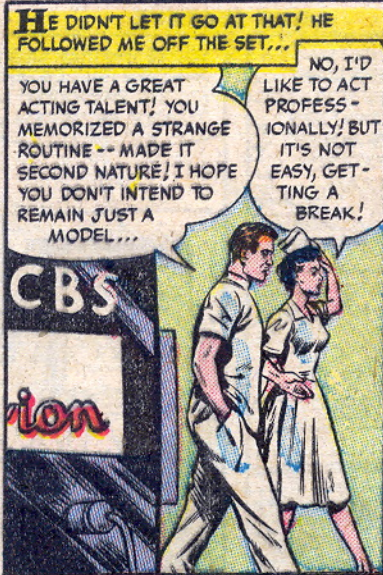
RIGHT HERE, DOCTOR!



AFTER THE PROGRAM WAS FINISHED, DR. STANDISH BECAME AS STRANGELY GENTLE AS HE HAD BEEN SHARP! WE WERE HARDLY OFF THE AIR WHEN HE CAME OVER TO ME...

I APOLOGIZE, MISS VYE! FOR SOMEBODY WHO NEVER HAD MORE THAN A FEW HOURS COACHING, YOUR PERFORMANCE WAS REMARKABLE! I CONFESS I DIDN'T EVEN MISS MISS EDSON!

THANK YOU, DOCTOR!



HE DIDN'T LET IT GO AT THAT! HE FOLLOWED ME OFF THE SET...

YOU HAVE A GREAT ACTING TALENT! YOU MEMORIZED A STRANGE ROUTINE -- MADE IT SECOND NATURE! I HOPE YOU DON'T INTEND TO REMAIN JUST A MODEL...

NO, I'D LIKE TO ACT PROFESSIONALLY, BUT IT'S NOT EASY, GETTING A BREAK!



A GIRL WITH YOUR LOOKS!

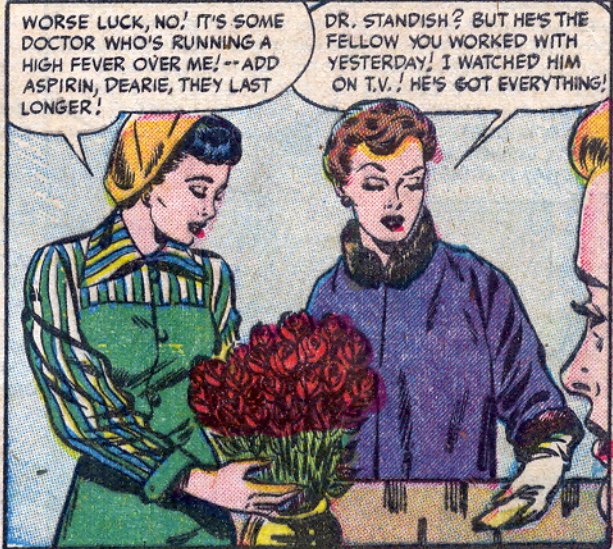
LOOKS DIDN'T HELP ME MUCH WITH YOU DOCTOR! YOU ALMOST WALKED OFF THE SET RATHER THAN GIVE ME A CHANCE--GOOD DAY!

I LEFT HIM STANDING THERE, A STRICKEN, WONDERING LOOK IN HIS EYES! THE NEXT DAY, AT THE AGENCY, DR. STANDISH WAS SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS...



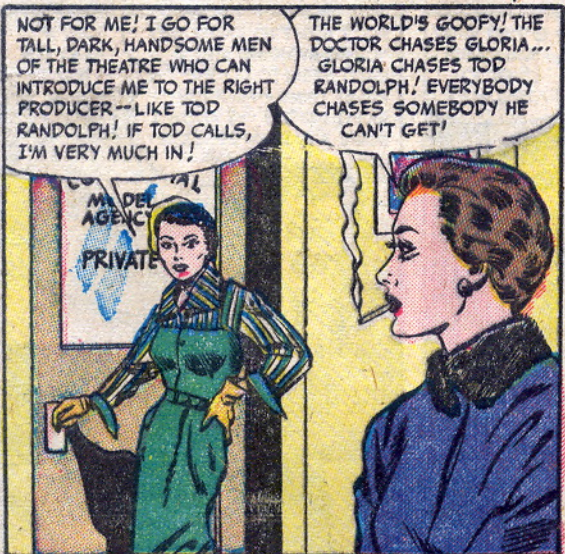
"I NOW SEE SOMETHING IN BEAUTY WORTH WORSHIPPING..."

WHO'S THE BOUQUET FROM, GLORIA? TOD RANDOLPH?



WORSE LUCK, NO! IT'S SOME DOCTOR WHO'S RUNNING A HIGH FEVER OVER ME!--ADD ASPIRIN, DEARIE, THEY LAST LONGER!

DR. STANDISH? BUT HE'S THE FELLOW YOU WORKED WITH YESTERDAY! I WATCHED HIM ON T.V.! HE'S GOT EVERYTHING!



NOT FOR ME! I GO FOR TALL, DARK, HANDSOME MEN OF THE THEATRE WHO CAN INTRODUCE ME TO THE RIGHT PRODUCER--LIKE TOD RANDOLPH! IF TOD CALLS, I'M VERY MUCH IN!

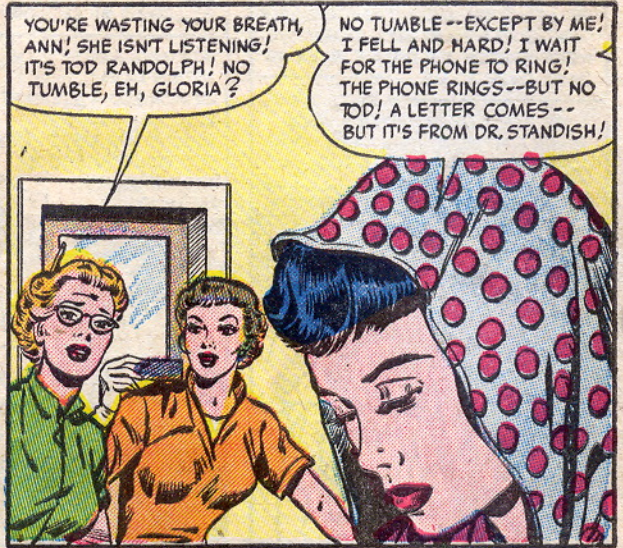
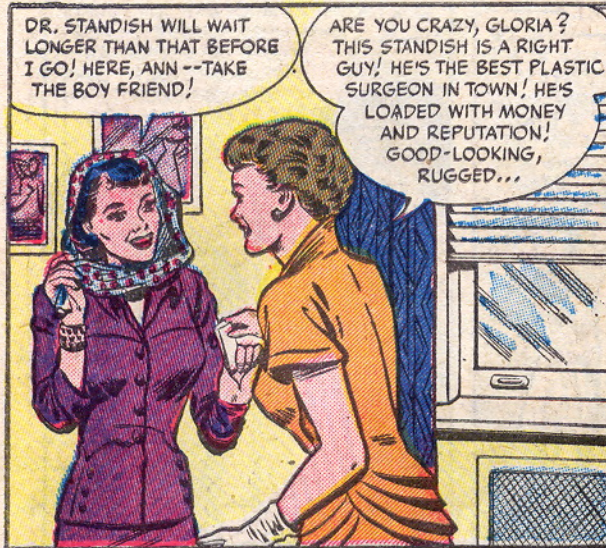
THE WORLD'S GOOFY! THE DOCTOR CHASES GLORIA... GLORIA CHASES TOD RANDOLPH! EVERYBODY CHASES SOMEBODY HE CAN'T GET!



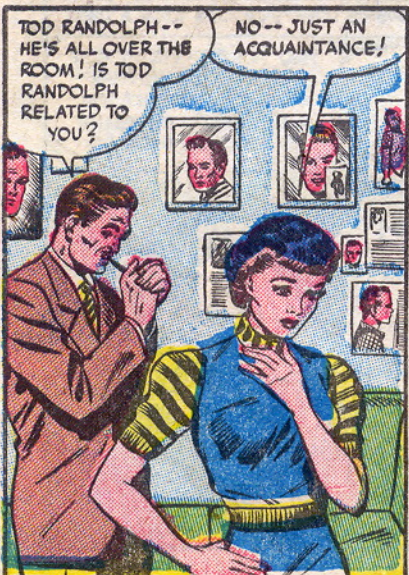
THE NEXT DAY, DR. STANDISH'S LOVE-SICKNESS TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE...

"BECAUSE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THE THEATRE AND I'M INTERESTED IN YOU!--TOMORROW NIGHT, PLEASE?"

TWO TICKETS! FRONT ROW CENTER!--FOR "BITTER ANGEL"! I THOUGHT YOU HAD TO WAIT TWO YEARS TO SEE THAT SHOW!



I DID CALL HIM... BUT TOD RANDOLPH WAS OUT! HE CONTINUED TO BE OUT FOR WEEKS-- AT LEAST TO ME-- AS I WAS OUT TO DR. STANDISH! THEN ONE NIGHT THE DOORBELL RANG...



BUT IT WASN'T TOD -- IT WAS THE WRONG NUMBER! SUDDENLY NOTHING MATTERED! I TURNED GRIMLY TO DR. STANDISH...

YOU WANT TO GO OUT WITH ME? ALL RIGHT! GIVE ME TEN MINUTES TO CHANGE! SOMEBODY OUGHT TO GET A BREAK IN THIS RAT-RACE!

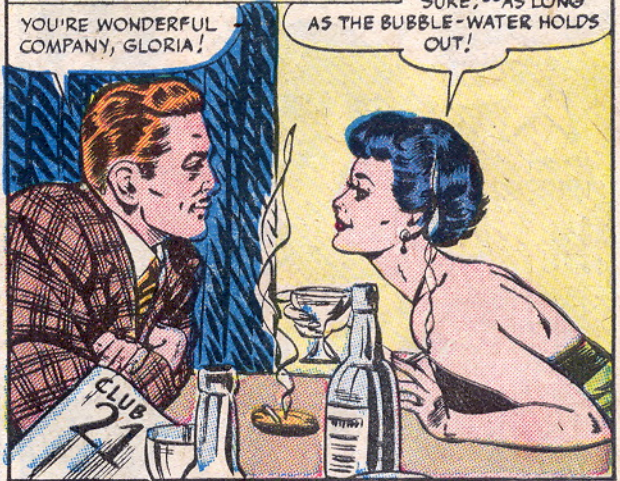
I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND!



NO -- HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND! HERE I HAD BEEN COLD -- ALOOF! NOW I WAS A GOOD SPORT...

YOU'RE WONDERFUL COMPANY, GLORIA!

SURE! -- AS LONG AS THE BUBBLE-WATER HOLDS OUT!



I LET HIM KISS ME -- HE SEEMED TO APPRECIATE IT SO MUCH...

I LOVE YOU, GLORIA! EVER SINCE THAT DAY!

I KNOW! SINCE THE DAY I PASSED YOU THE TWO-INCH GAUZE! THAT MADE ME IRRESISTIBLE!



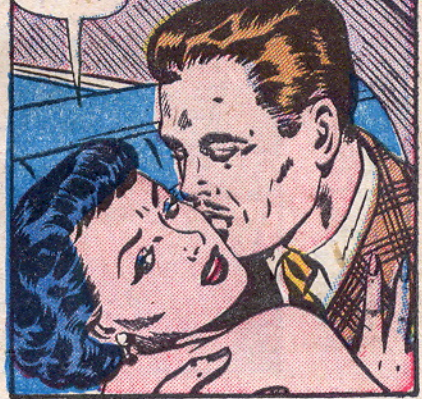
NO! IT'S YOU! YOUR BEAUTY! YOUR TEMPERAMENT! EVEN YOUR SARCASM! I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU, GLORIA! I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME! PLEASE...



MARRY YOU? B-BUT YOU HARDLY KNOW ME! YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS!

I NEVER MEANT ANYTHING MORE IN MY LIFE! YOU'RE EVERYTHING I WANT! EVERYTHING I DREAMED ABOUT!

BILL... TAKE ME HOME! I-I WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT! I'VE GOT TO THINK ABOUT IT! TAKE ME HOME!



I SAW THE MISTAKE I'D MADE! I'D GONE OUT WITH DR. STANDISH BECAUSE I FELT SORRY FOR HIM AND MYSELF! AND WHEN, THE NEXT DAY, I GOT A BIT PART AND MET TOD RANDOLPH ON THE SET, I FELT EVEN SORRIER!

I LISTENED TO YOU IN REHEARSAL, GLORIA! YOU WERE SWELL! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL! LOOKS, TALENT, YOU'RE A COMING STAR!

THANKS, TOD -- BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT! YOU DATED ME TWICE... WEEKS AGO! THEN YOU DROPPED ME LIKE A HOT POTATO! YOU COULDN'T HAVE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED!

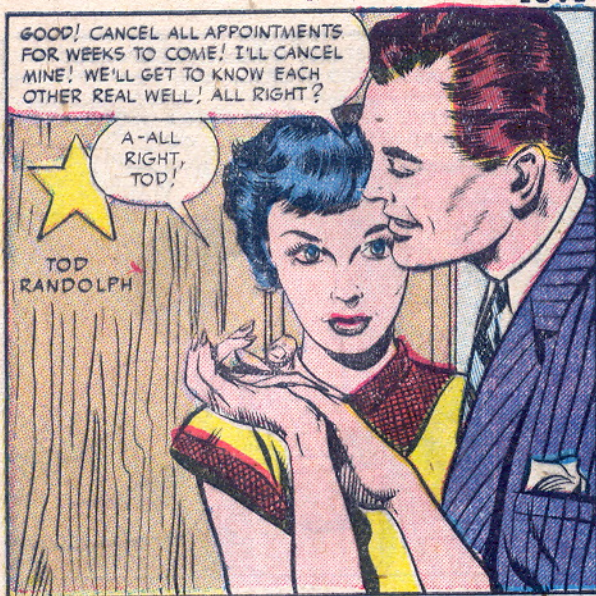


I LOOKED AT HIM SUDDENLY! I THINK HE READ THE LONGING THAT WAS IN MY EYES AND MY HEART! BECAUSE HE GAVE MY ARM A SLIGHT SQUEEZE...

BUSY TONIGHT?

N-NO!





GOOD! CANCEL ALL APPOINTMENTS FOR WEEKS TO COME! I'LL CANCEL MINE! WE'LL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER REAL WELL! ALL RIGHT?

A-ALL RIGHT, TOD!

TOD RANDOLPH



IT WAS MORE THAN ALL RIGHT! IT WAS HEAVEN GOING OUT WITH TOD RANDOLPH! I WAS THE ENVY OF EVERY WOMAN IN NEW YORK! I FELT SO PROUD, BEING SEEN WITH HIM EVERYWHERE...

THAT'S TOD RANDOLPH! BUT WHO'S THE GIRL?

SOME PROFESSIONAL MODEL! ISN'T HE STUNNING? HE'S THE HANDSOMEST MAN IN TOWN!

IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I FORGOT MY AMBITION, MY CAREER, MY HOPE OF USING TOD'S CONNECTIONS TO GET PLACES IN THE THEATRE! ALL I LONGED FOR WAS HIS COMPANY, HIS SMILE...

WHEN WILL I SEE YOU AGAIN -- TOMORROW?

TOMORROW MORNING -- TOMORROW AFTERNOON -- TOMORROW NIGHT! ALL THREE, IF YOU LIKE...



MEANWHILE, MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT I KEPT TURNING DOWN DR. STANDISH! I MADE ALL SORTS OF EXCUSES! BUT NOTHING HELPED! HE WOULDN'T BE PUT OFF! HE KEPT CALLING, WRITING, SENDING THINGS...

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? HE JUST WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER?

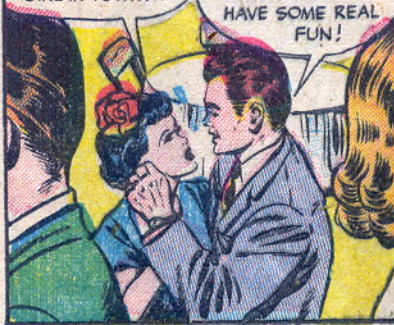
HOW CAN HE? STANDISH IS CRAZY ABOUT YOU! IT'S REALLY A PITY--TOD RANDOLPH IS ONLY CRAZY ABOUT HIMSELF!



THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAID, BUT I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT! I KNEW THEY WERE JEALOUS! I WAS TOD RANDOLPH'S DATE! I KNEW HE CARED FOR ME! I COULD TELL!

YOU'RE NOT GETTING TIRED OF ME, TOD? OR BORED? I KNOW YOU COULD HAVE YOUR PICK OF ANY GIRL IN TOWN...

BUT I PICK YOU, BABY! C'MON! LET'S DUCK THIS PARTY! I KNOW A JOINT UP TOWN WHERE WE CAN HAVE SOME REAL FUN!



ONE NIGHT AFTER TOD TOOK ME HOME I FOUND SOMEONE WAITING AT MY DOORSTEP! IT WAS DR. STANDISH...

I SEE NOW WHY YOU'RE SO BUSY! YOU'RE CONSTANTLY WITH RANDOLPH!

THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! LOOK, BILL--I'M SORRY THINGS AREN'T THE WAY YOU'D LIKE! IT'S NOT MY FAULT IF I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH YOU!



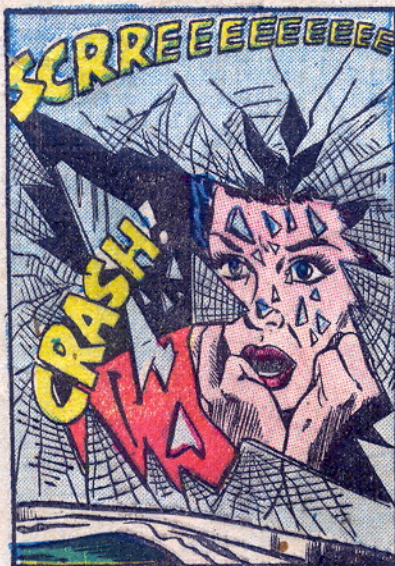
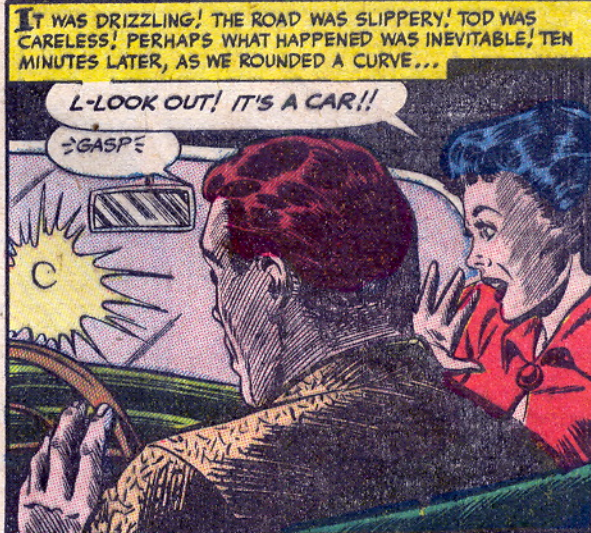
NO, IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT! I WANT TO ASK YOU ONE FAVOR, GLORIA-- ONE LAST FAVOR! I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING! IT MIGHT EXPLAIN--BETTER THAN WORDS--HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU! PLEASE!

ALL RIGHT, BILL! IF IT WILL HELP YOU IN ANY WAY... I'LL GO!





DR. STANDISH DIDN'T SAY A WORD! QUIETLY HE TURNED OUT THE LIGHT AND TOOK ME HOME! I HAD HURT HIM TO THE CORE-- BUT IT WAS BETTER TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH THAN TO LET HIM HOPE IN VAIN! THE NEXT NIGHT...





NO! YOU MUSTN'T LET GO OF YOURSELF! YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT BACK! GET AN OPERATION-- PLASTIC SURGERY--SEE DR. STANDISH!

NO! I-I COULDN'T FACE HIM! NOT AFTER THE WAY I TREATED HIM!



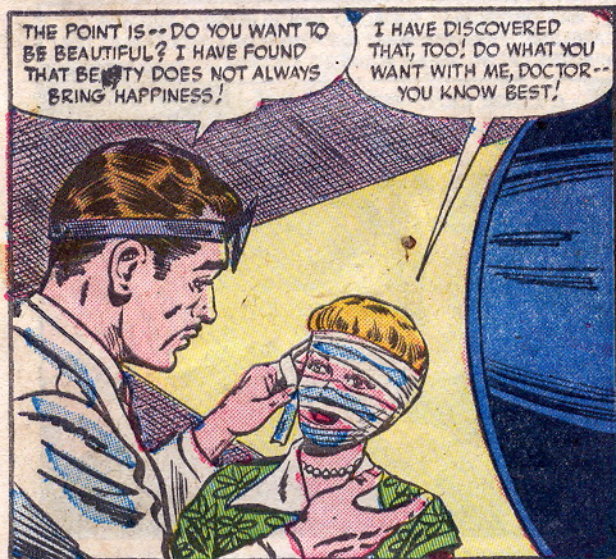
GO IN A WAY HE WON'T RECOGNIZE YOU! DYE YOUR HAIR BLONDE! MAKE YOUR VOICE HUSKY! ACT OUT THE REST! YOU CAN DO IT!

I-I CAN'T! WHY DIDN'T I DIE IN THE CRASH! WHY? WHY?



BUT A WEEK LATER--I WAS IN DR. STANDISH'S OFFICE! ANNE WAS RIGHT! A HAIR DYE, A VOICE CHANGE, A CHANGE OF MANNERISM AND HE NEVER RECOGNIZED ME!

IT'S STRANGE! YOUR BONE STRUCTURE--REMINDS ME OF SOMEBODY I KNEW! BY AN ODD COINCIDENCE, A PHYSIOLOGICAL FLUKE--I CAN DESIGN YOUR FEATURES SO THAT YOU CAN BE VERY BEAUTIFUL...



THE POINT IS--DO YOU WANT TO BE BEAUTIFUL? I HAVE FOUND THAT BEAUTY DOES NOT ALWAYS BRING HAPPINESS!

I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT, TOO! DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH ME, DOCTOR-- YOU KNOW BEST!

THE SERIES OF OPERATIONS TOOK WEEKS--MONTHS! THEY WERE PAINFUL--EXHAUSTING! BUT I DIDN'T CARE! I FOUND A STRANGE COMFORT IN BEING NEAR DR. STANDISH! IN LISTENING TO HIM TALK...



I WAS IN LOVE ONCE, BUT THE GIRL LOVED SOMEONE ELSE! AND YET--I CAN'T GET HER OUT OF MY MIND! HER FACE IS ALWAYS BEFORE ME...

YOU'RE RIGHT--THE PAST CAN NEVER BE FORGOTTEN! WE SUFFER IN THE PRESENT FOR WHAT WE DID IN THE PAST!



ONE DAY, THE BANDAGES CAME OFF...AND I SAW THE FACE WHICH DR. STANDISH CREATED FOR ME.

!GASP!

IT'S ME! THE EXACT IMAGE OF MY PHOTOGRAPHS! IT'S AS IF THE ACCIDENT NEVER HAPPENED!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED?

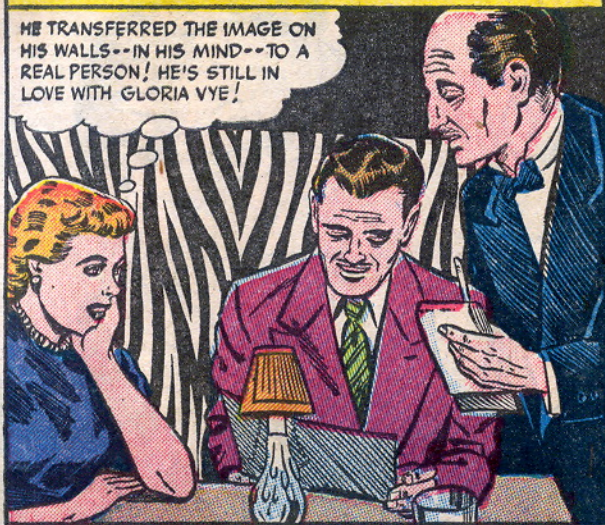


IF YOU ARE, DON'T BE! THE WORLD PUTS GREAT VALUE ON BEAUTY! MOST WOMEN WOULD GIVE ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS TO BE BEAUTIFUL!

I WOULD GIVE ALL MINE TO BE HAPPY! AS A BEGINNING, WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO TAKE ME TO DINNER? I-I STILL FEEL VERY MUCH YOUR PATIENT!

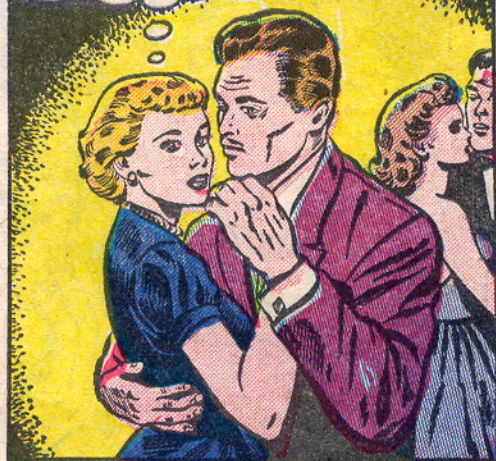
HE AGREED AND WE WENT OUT! I SAW CLEARLY WHAT DR. STANDISH HAD DONE! HE SAW IN MY DISFIGURED FACE A CHANCE TO RECREATE THE GIRL HE HAD LOVED AND LOST...

HE TRANSFERRED THE IMAGE ON HIS WALLS--IN HIS MIND--TO A REAL PERSON! HE'S STILL IN LOVE WITH GLORIA VYE!



BILL DID NOT KNOW THAT THE GIRL IN HIS ARMS AND THE GIRL HE HAD LOST WERE ONE AND THE SAME! NOR WAS I EVER GOING TO TELL HIM!

LET GLORIA VYE AND HIS BITTER MEMORIES OF HER DIE IN THE PAST! THE FUTURE BELONGS TO ME--AND TO BILL! WHEN I THINK OF WHAT I ALMOST LOST--!



BUT I WAS WRONG ONCE MORE! BILL STANDISH WAS TAKING ME OUT! BUT HIS ARDOR--THE ARDOR HE FELT FOR GLORIA VYE, WAS GONE! I LEARNED THAT ONE NIGHT WHEN I KISSED HIM!

YOU MUSTN'T DO THAT AGAIN--EVER!

BUT I LOVE YOU, BILL! I FEEL REBORN--IN EVERY FIBRE OF MY BEING! YOU DID THAT FOR ME!



I MADE A MISTAKE--A STUPID, CRUEL MISTAKE! I MADE YOUR FACE IN THE IMAGE OF A GIRL I LOVED AND LOST! I HAD HOPED, IN VAIN, THAT BY GIVING YOU HER FACE, I WOULD HAVE--AT LEAST--THAT MUCH OF HER!



BUT YOU ARE NOT GLORIA VYE! MUCH AS I TRY TO FORGET THIS GIRL--I CANNOT! AND WHY? BECAUSE I AM STILL IN LOVE--NOT WITH HER FACE--BUT WITH THE SOUL, THE SPIRIT OF THE GIRL I LOST!

BUT YOU HAVEN'T LOST HER! YOU CAN FIND HER--VERY EASILY, BILL! SHE'S VERY NEAR TO YOU!

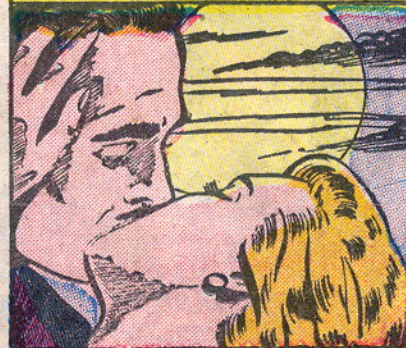


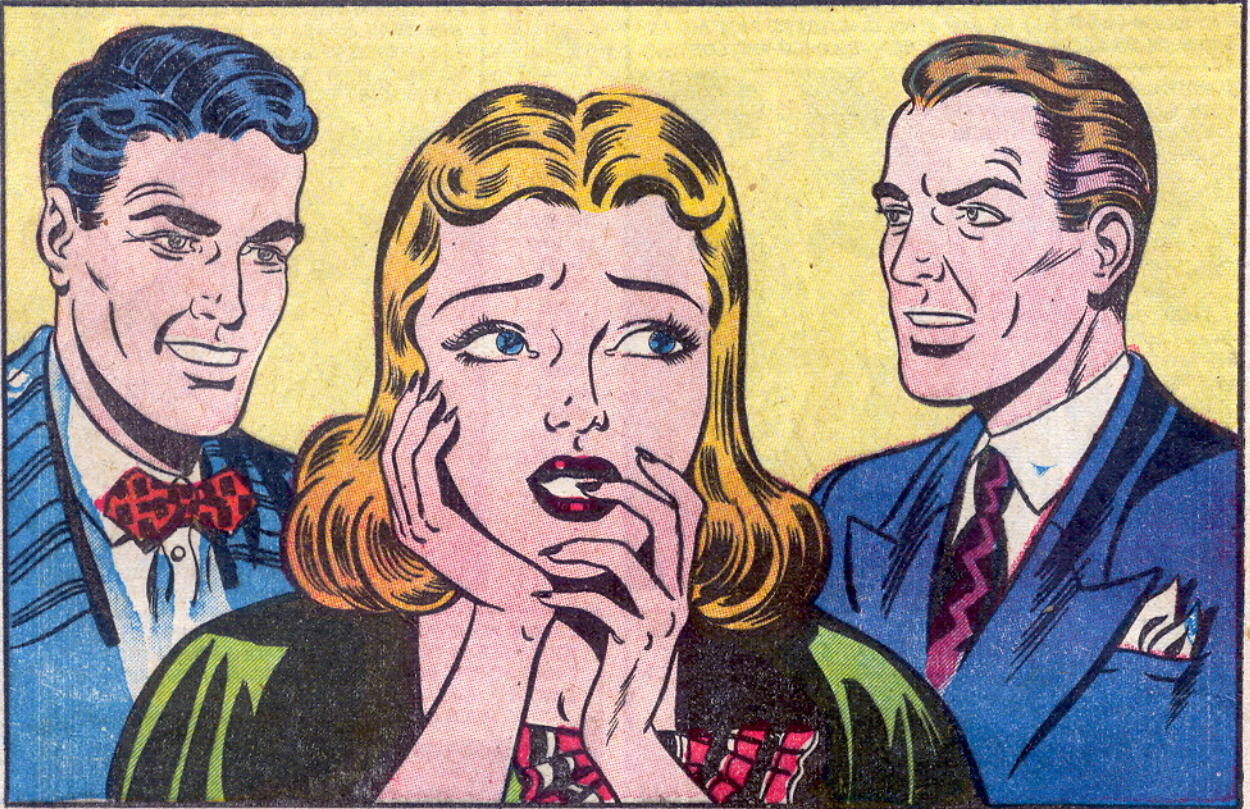
THEN I TOLD HIM WHO I REALLY WAS--AND WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO ME...

I, TOO, LOST SOMETHING, BILL! I LOST MY VANITY, MY EGOTISM, MY BLINDNESS! IN RETURN, I FOUND LOVE, I FOUND HAPPINESS, WHEN I FOUND YOU...



ACTUALLY, WE FOUND MORE THAN THAT! WE FOUND MORE THAN EACH OTHER! WE FOUND THE LOVE THAT LASTS LONG AFTER ONE'S SKIN IS WRINKLED AND ONE'S YOUTH IS GONE! I WAS NO LONGER THE GIRL IN BILL'S PAST! I WAS HIS LOVE--AND HE WAS MINE--FOR ETERNITY!





WHILE OTHER GIRLS WERE GOING OUT ON DATES, I WAS AT HOME, CARING FOR MY INVALID MOTHER! THE REST OF MY TIME WAS SPENT WORKING AT CITY LIBRARY AND DREAMING.. ONLY DREAMING .. ABOUT LOVE AND ROMANCE! I WAS ONLY 22 WHEN MOTHER'S DEATH CHANGED ALL THAT, BUT I COULDN'T HELP FEELING THAT I WAS ...

Just AN Old Maid

RALPH SAUNDERS, A WRITER WHO CAME TO THE LIBRARY DAILY TO DO RESEARCH, SEEMED FAR OUT OF MY REACH UNTIL ONE DAY

YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL, NORA! DO YOU SUPPOSE I COULD SHOW MY APPRECIATION BY TAKING YOU TO DINNER AND A SHOW SOME NIGHT?



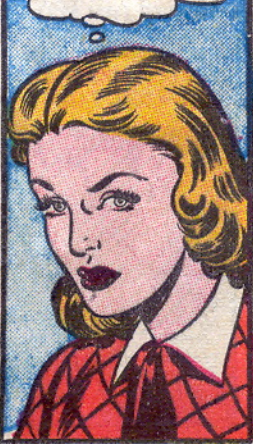
I DON'T .. KNOW! THAT IS.. I.. I DON'T GO OUT VERY OFTEN!

SORRY! I WON'T PRESS THE ISSUE! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW, NORA!

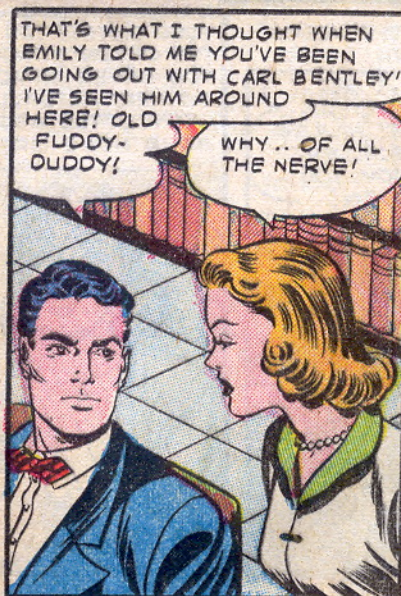
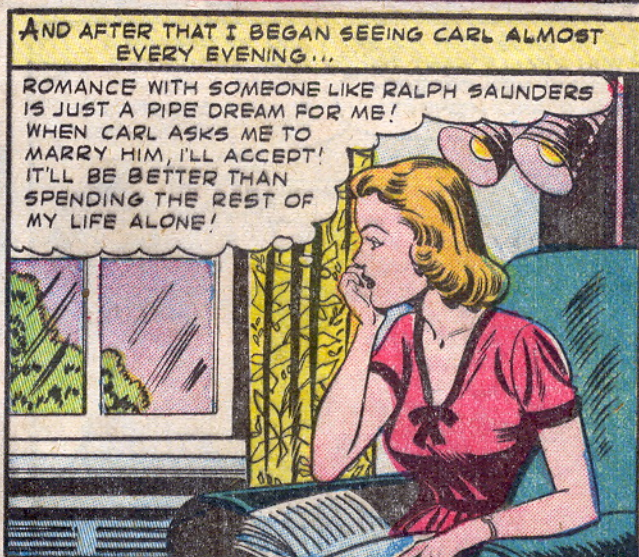
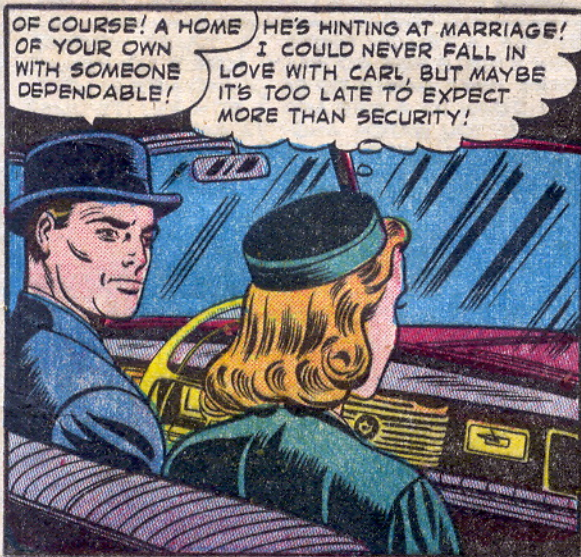
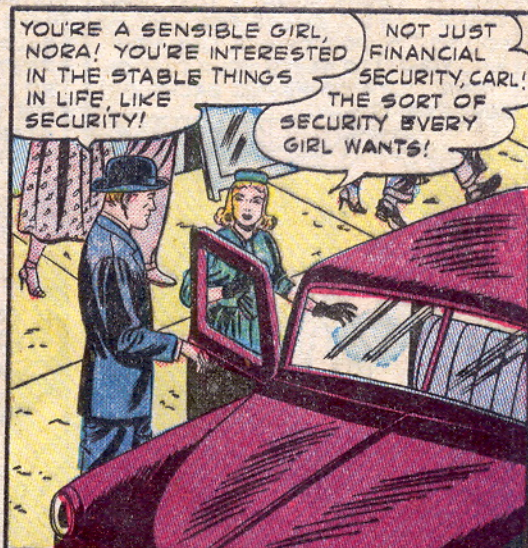


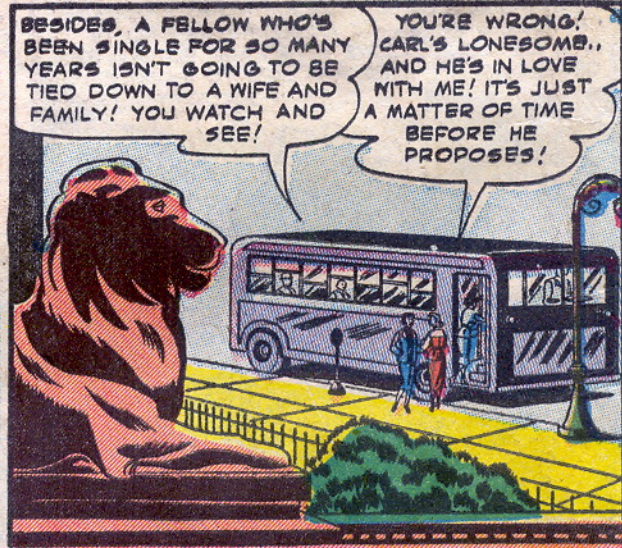
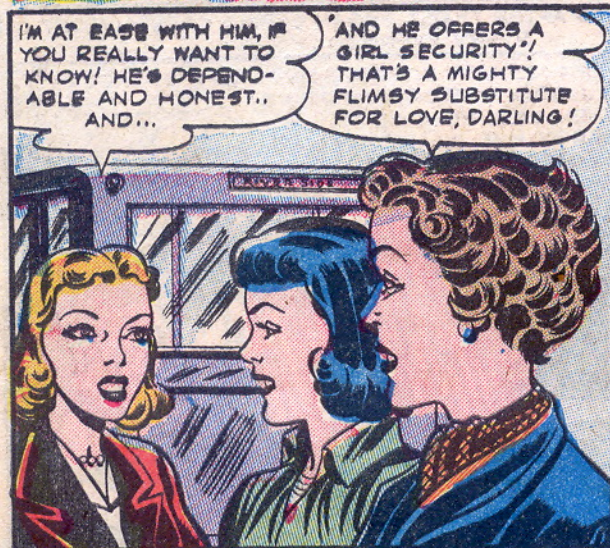
WHY DIDN'T I SAY YES THE WAY I WANTED TO? I GET SO CONFUSED WHEN HE TALKS TO ME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING! BESIDES HE PROBABLY HAS PLENTY OF GIRLS CHASING HIM AND HE'D NEVER BE SERIOUS ABOUT ME!

YOU'D THINK I WAS 15 INSTEAD OF 22! IF ONLY I WASN'T SO ILL AT EASE WITH MEN.. ESPECIALLY WITH RALPH!

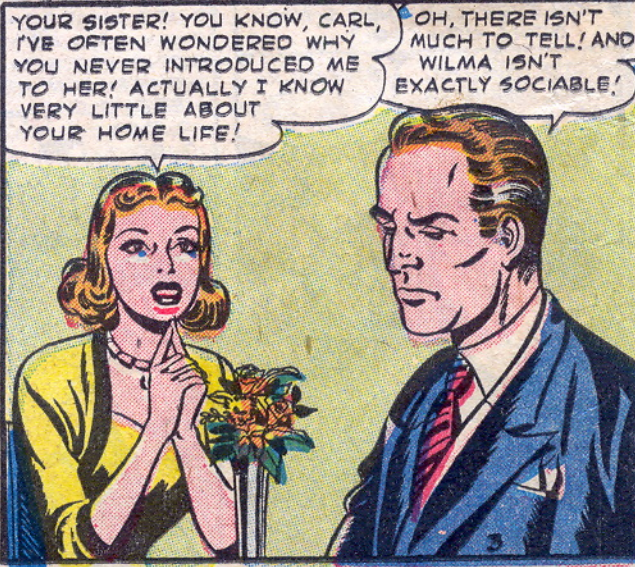
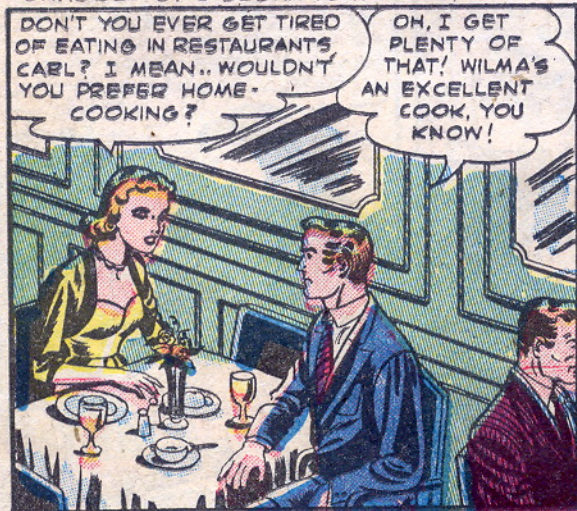


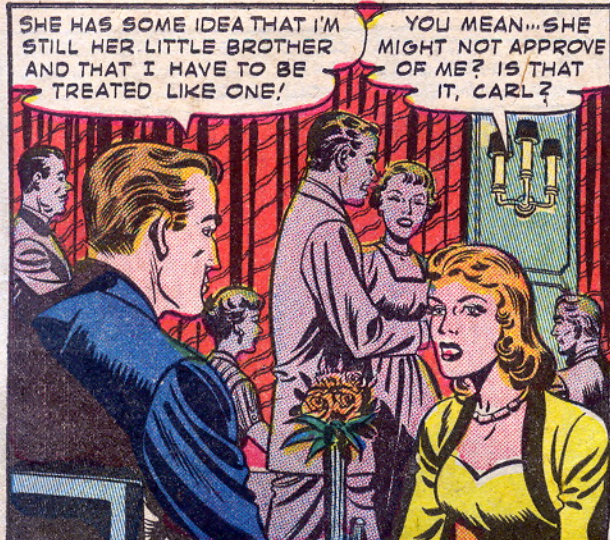
DISCOURAGED BY MY MUDDLED REPLY, RALPH DIDN'T ASK ME FOR ANOTHER DATE! BUT THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE WHO DID... CARL BENTLEY, THE STODGY BOOKKEEPER AT THE LIBRARY, WHO WASN'T ROMANTICALLY APPEALING AND THEREFORE DIDN'T MAKE ME NERVOUS! SOON...





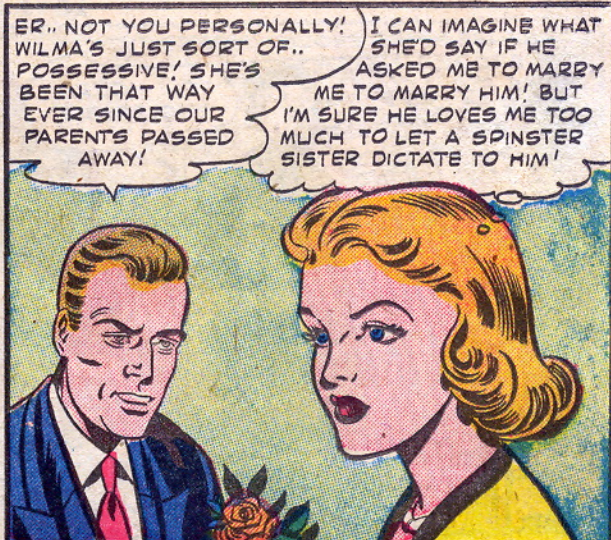
"JUST A MATTER OF TIME"! BUT AS THE WEEKS DRAGGED BY I BEGAN TO WONDER!





SHE HAS SOME IDEA THAT I'M STILL HER LITTLE BROTHER AND THAT I HAVE TO BE TREATED LIKE ONE!

YOU MEAN...SHE MIGHT NOT APPROVE OF ME? IS THAT IT, CARL?



ER.. NOT YOU PERSONALLY! WILMA'S JUST SORT OF.. POSSESSIVE! SHE'S BEEN THAT WAY EVER SINCE OUR PARENTS PASSED AWAY!

I CAN IMAGINE WHAT SHE'D SAY IF HE ASKED ME TO MARRY ME TO MARRY HIM! BUT I'M SURE HE LOVES ME TOO MUCH TO LET A SPINSTER SISTER DICTATE TO HIM!

CARL HAD MANAGED TO EVADE THE QUESTION OF MARRIAGE ONCE MORE! BUT I WAS STILL CONFIDENT THAT HIS FUTURE PLANS CENTERED AROUND ME! IF I HADN'T BELIEVED THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO INDIGNANT THE NIGHT WILMA BENTLEY CAME TO CALL...



I EXPECT THIS IS A SURPRISE VISIT, MISS WALTON! BUT I NEEDN'T TELL YOU WHY I'M HERE!

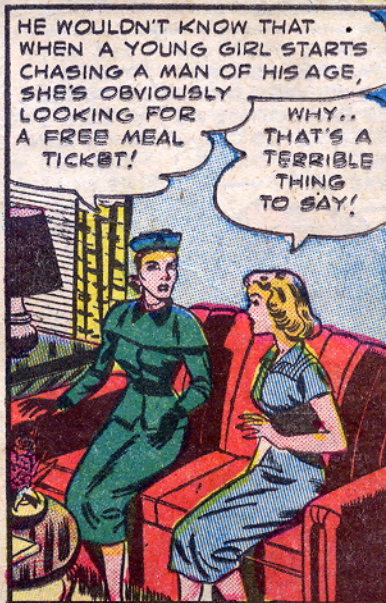
WELL, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU! BUT I'LL ADMIT THIS WAS UNEXPECTED!



PLEASE DON'T THINK IT'S A SOCIAL CALL! I'M HERE SIMPLY TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH CARL WILL HAVE TO STOP! BUT... THAT'S NONSENSE! WHAT BUSINESS IS IT OF YOURS?

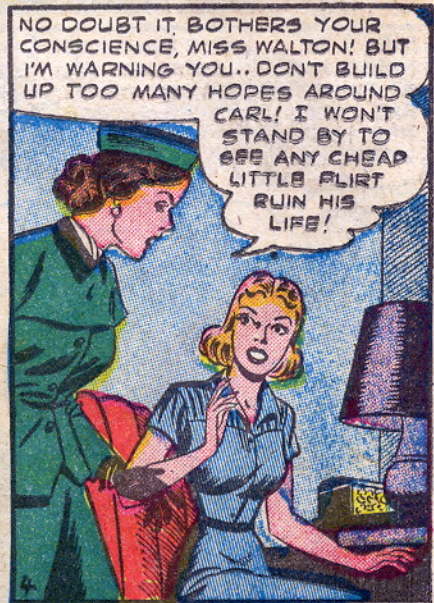


CARL HAS WORKED HARD ALL HIS LIFE, AND NO DOUBT YOU KNOW HE HAS A TIDY SUM LAID AWAY IN THE BANK! UNFORTUNATELY, MY BROTHER IS EXTREMELY NAIVE!

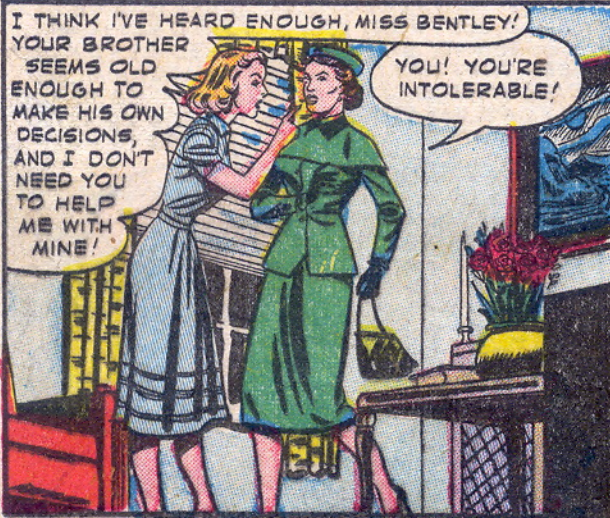


HE WOULDN'T KNOW THAT WHEN A YOUNG GIRL STARTS CHASING A MAN OF HIS AGE, SHE'S OBVIOUSLY LOOKING FOR A FREE MEAL TICKET!

WHY.. THAT'S A TERRIBLE THING TO SAY!



NO DOUBT IT, BOTHERS YOUR CONSCIENCE, MISS WALTON! BUT I'M WARNING YOU.. DON'T BUILD UP TOO MANY HOPES AROUND CARL! I WON'T STAND BY TO SEE ANY CHEAP LITTLE FLIRT RUIN HIS LIFE!



I THINK I'VE HEARD ENOUGH, MISS BENTLEY! YOUR BROTHER SEEMS OLD ENOUGH TO MAKE HIS OWN DECISIONS, AND I DON'T NEED YOU TO HELP ME WITH MINE!

YOU! YOU'RE INTOLERABLE!

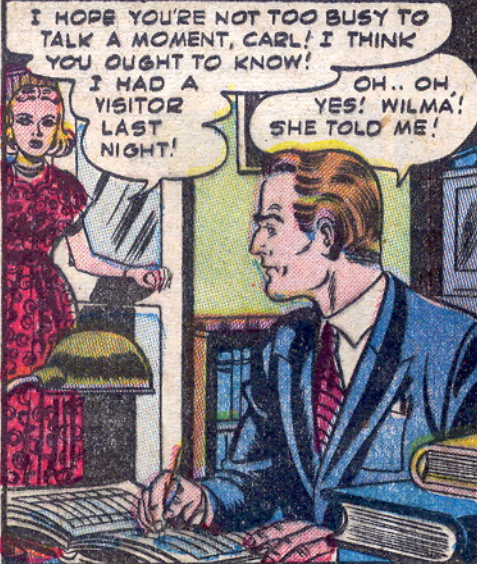


I DON'T KNOW WHAT COULD HAVE POSSESSED CARL EVEN TO SHOW AN INTEREST IN YOU!

MAYBE HE'S AS LONELY AS YOU ARE, MISS BENTLEY! I HOPE HE NEVER BECOMES AS BITTER!

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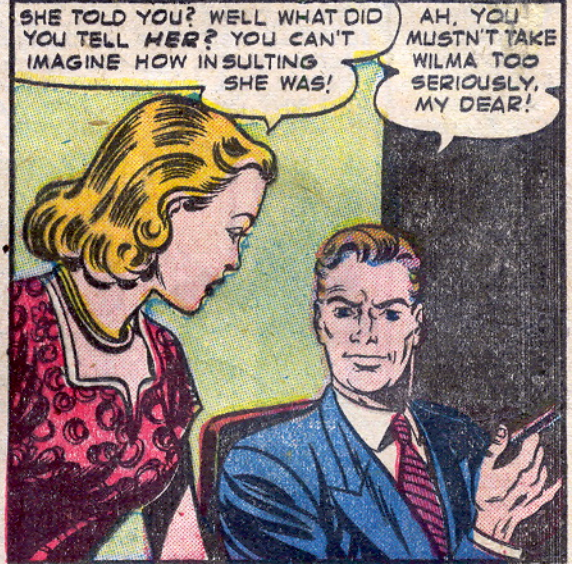
WILMA BENTLEY'S VISIT LEFT ME SHAKEN, BUT DETERMINED TO HAVE IT OUT WITH CARL! HIS KISSES WEREN'T THRILLING ENOUGH TO COMPENSATE FOR THE RIDICULE I HAD RECEIVED, LET ALONE FOR THAT EMOTIONAL SCENE WITH HIS NEUROTIC SISTER! AND THE NEXT DAY...



I HOPE YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY TO TALK A MOMENT, CARL! I THINK YOU OUGHT TO KNOW!

I HAD A VISITOR LAST NIGHT!

OH.. OH YES! WILMA! SHE TOLD ME!



SHE TOLD YOU? WELL WHAT DID YOU TELL HER? YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW INSULTING SHE WAS!

AH, YOU MUSTN'T TAKE WILMA TOO SERIOUSLY, MY DEAR!



SHE'S A BIT POSSESSIVE AT TIMES, BUT SHE USUALLY HAS MY BEST INTERESTS IN MIND!

YOUR BEST INTERESTS! DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE WANTED? SHE DEMANDED THAT I STOP SEEING YOU!



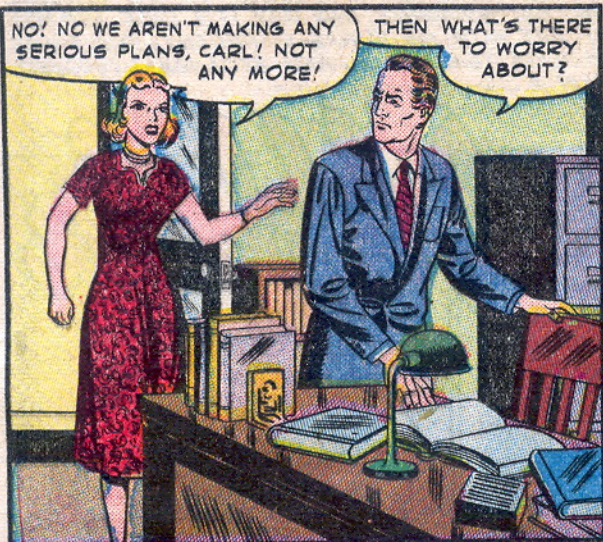
I KNOW, I KNOW! SO I PACIFIED HER AND SAID WE WOULDN'T SEE EACH OTHER AS OFTEN AS WE DO! THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT!

BUT WHY? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A GROWN MAN, AND YET YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE ORDERS FROM HER!



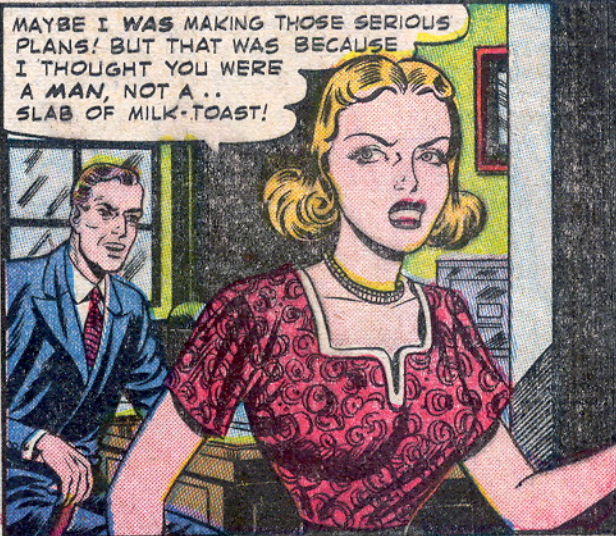
WHAT IF YOU TOLD HER YOU TALKED TO ME ABOUT SECURITY? YOU MEAN YOU WOULDN'T MARRY ME IF IT MEANT DIS- PLEASING HER?

WELL, NATURALLY, I WOULDN'T WANT TO HURT WILMA! AND WE AREN'T MAKING ANY SERIOUS PLANS, ARE WE?



NO! NO WE AREN'T MAKING ANY SERIOUS PLANS, CARL! NOT ANY MORE!

THEN WHAT'S THERE TO WORRY ABOUT?



MAYBE I WAS MAKING THOSE SERIOUS PLANS! BUT THAT WAS BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU WERE A MAN, NOT A... SLAB OF MILK-TOAST!

I FELT RELIEVED TELLING CARL WHAT I THOUGHT OF HIM! BUT SUDDENLY I FELT LOST AND LONELY, TOO! BUT AT MY DESK, IT WAS A STRUGGLE TO HOLD BACK THE TEARS THAT STUNG IN MY EYES!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, NORA? OR ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS AGAIN!

I... I GUESS YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW ABOUT IT, RALPH! EVERYONE AROUND HERE WILL BE LAUGHING ABOUT IT BY TOMORROW!



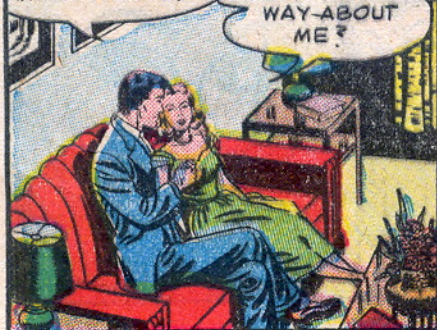
MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO TELL ME FIRST! SUPPOSE WE HAVE DINNER TONIGHT AND JUST TALK?

I'LL PROBABLY FEEL BETTER IF I COULD TALK TO SOMEONE! IT'S A DATE, RALPH!

YES, RALPH HAD SEEMED FAR OUT OF REACH! YET THAT NIGHT, I LEARNED HOW WRONG I HAD BEEN! FOR AFTER I TOLD HIM THE WHOLE STORY...

I KEPT HOPING YOU'D LEARN THAT CARL WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU, NORA! FROM THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU, I HOPED THERE WASN'T SOMEONE ELSE IN YOUR LIFE!

YOU.. YOU FELT THAT WAY ABOUT ME?



I STILL DO, DARLING! AND I'M THROUGH WORSHIPPING YOU FROM A DISTANCE! I WANT YOU IN MY ARMS!

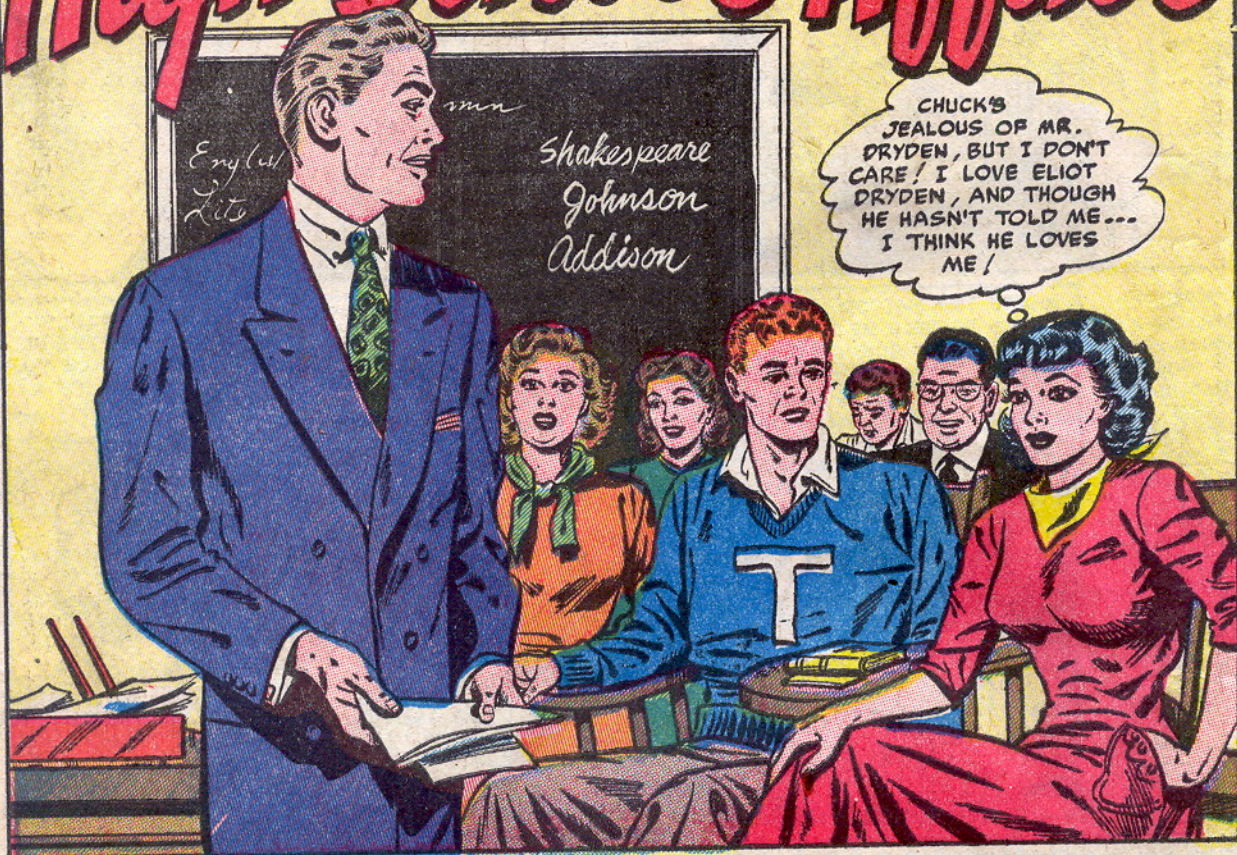
I'M DREAMING, RALPH! NOTHING AS WONDERFUL AS THIS COULD BE TRUE!



BUT IT WAS TRUE! AND NOT TOO LONG AFTERWARD I WAS WEARING A WEDDING RING TO PROVE IT!

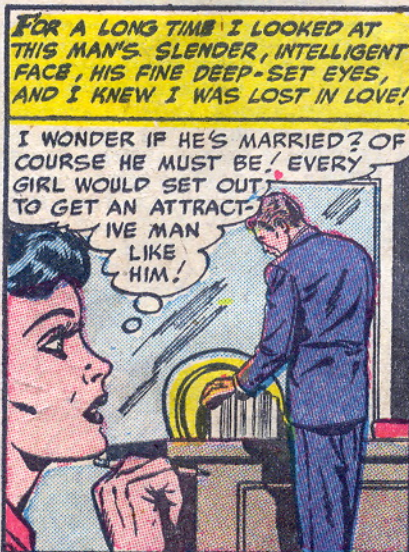
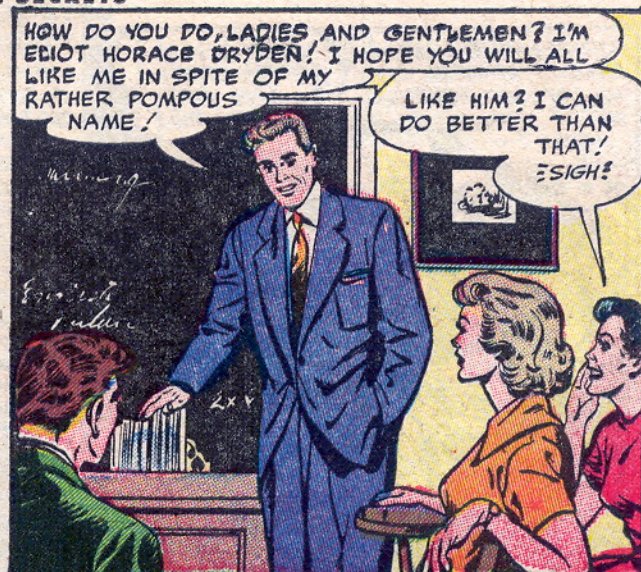
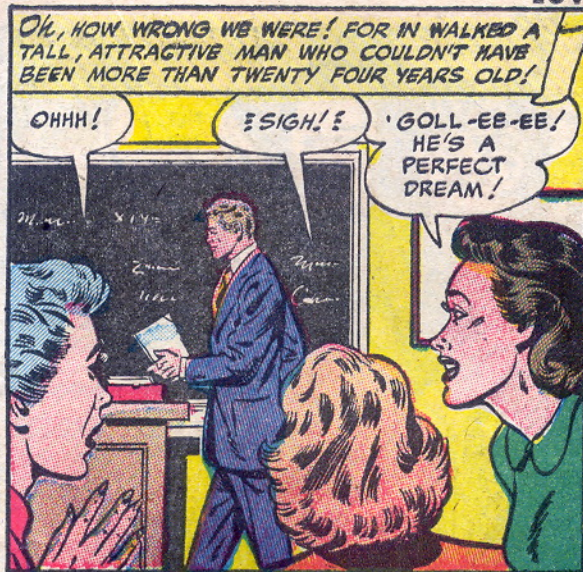
WHAT SCHOOL GIRL HASN'T HAD THE EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE OF HAVING A CRUSH ON HER HANDSOME TEACHER? IT'S COMMON ENOUGH FOR MOST GIRLS, BUT SUDDENLY ONE DAY IT'S OVER AND YOU REALIZE IT WAS JUST PART OF YOUR GROWING UP! BUT WITH ME IT WAS DIFFERENT, FOR I WAS GENUINELY, TRULY IN LOVE WITH MY ATTRACTIVE ENGLISH TEACHER ... AND BECAUSE I PURSUED HIM I ALMOST RUINED HIS LIFE BY INVOLVING HIM IN A ...

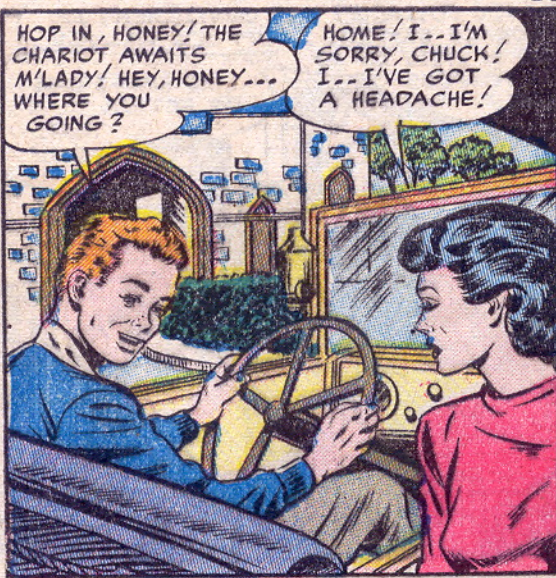
High School Affair



It happened that exciting day I began the final half of my senior year in high school! All of us were wondering who our English teacher would be...







HOP IN, HONEY! THE CHARIOT AWAITS M'LADY! HEY, HONEY... WHERE YOU GOING?

HOME! I... I'M SORRY, CHUCK! I... I'VE GOT A HEADACHE!

That NIGHT I SLEPT RESTLESSLY, FOR MY TORTUROUS DREAMS WERE A KALEIDOSCOPE OF LAUGHING FACES... MOCKING FACES... LAUGHING AT THE SILLY SCHOOL GIRL WHO'D SHOWN HER LOVE PLAINLY!



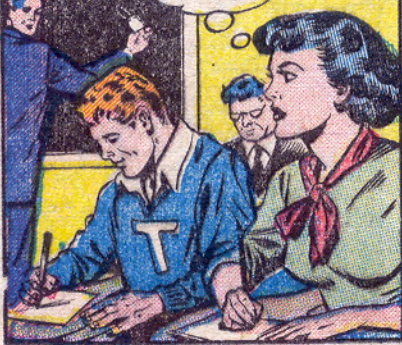
HA! HA!

HA! HA! HA!

NO... NO...

HE NEVER REFERRED TO THE INCIDENT AFTER THAT! BUT SOMETIMES I WOULD GLANCE UP AND CATCH HIS EYES UPON ME, LOOKING AT ME THOUGHTFULLY...

STRANGE! IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE WERE GAUGING ME! I WONDER WHY!



DAYS PASSED, AGONIZING DAYS FOR ME! I COULDN'T DAM THE EMOTIONS WELLING UP INSIDE ME, AND SO I UNBURDENED MY HEART TO MY BEST FRIEND...

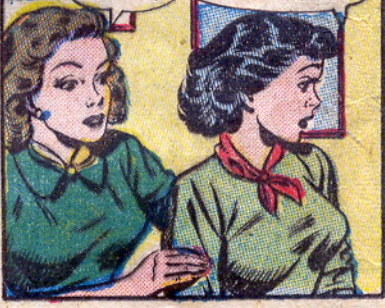
OH, DOTTY, I'VE GOT IT BAD! SOB!



YOU POOR GAL! BUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH IS NOTHING NEW! EVERY SCHOOL GIRL HAS HAD A CRUSH ON HER TEACHER AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER! YOU'LL GET OVER IT! WE ALL DO!

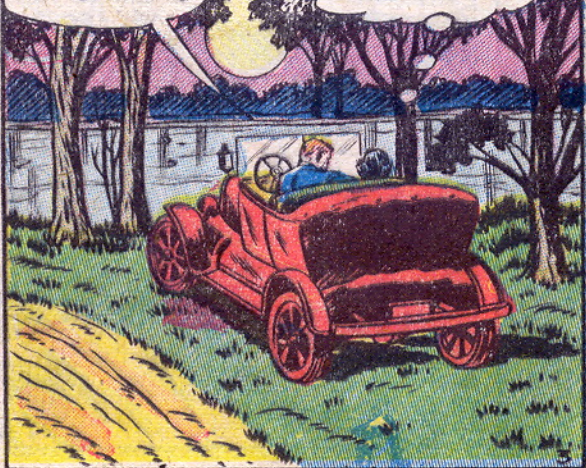
TRY TO FORGET DRYDEN! GO OUT WITH BOYS YOUR OWN AGE! YOU KNOW CHUCK'S CRAZY ABOUT YOU! GIVE HIM A CHANCE AND YOU'LL SNAP OUT OF IT! IT'S ONLY A TEMPORARY CRUSH, YOU'LL SEE!

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, DOTTY! I'M LETTING THIS BECOME AN OBSESSION WITH ME!

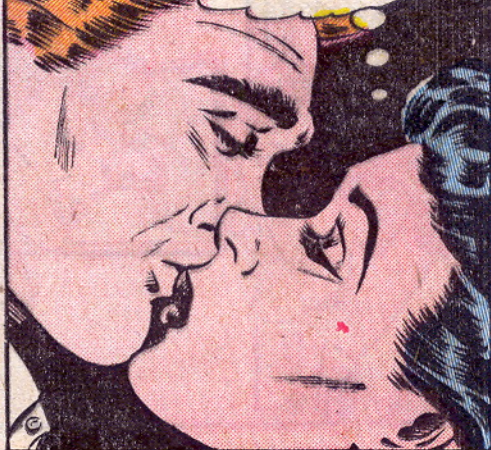


SO I TOOK MY FRIEND'S ADVICE! AT ONE TIME I'D BEEN FLATTERED THAT CHUCK GRAHAM, THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL STAR WANTED ME FOR HIS GIRL, BUT SOMEHOW, NOW IT HAD NO MEANING FOR ME...

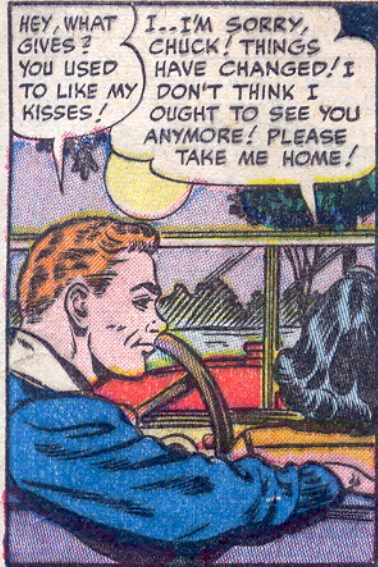
C'HERE, YOU BEAUTIFUL HUNK O' STUFF! AT ONE TIME CHUCK'S KISSES THRILLED ME! HOW WILL I REACT NOW?



IT... IT'S JUST A KISS, NOTHING MORE.. A JUVENILE KISS THAT MEANS NOTHING TO ME ANYMORE!

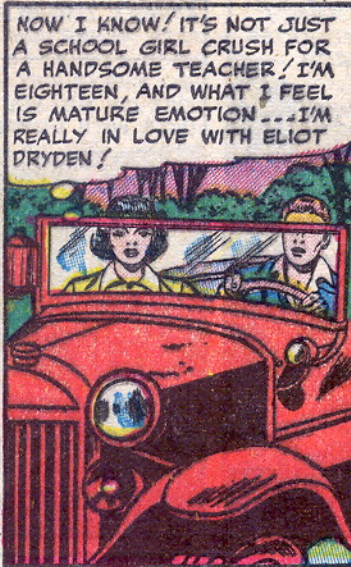


LOVE SECRETS



HEY, WHAT GIVES? YOU USED TO LIKE MY KISSES!

I...I'M SORRY, CHUCK! THINGS HAVE CHANGED! I DON'T THINK I OUGHT TO SEE YOU ANYMORE! PLEASE TAKE ME HOME!



NOW I KNOW! IT'S NOT JUST A SCHOOL GIRL CRUSH FOR A HANDSOME TEACHER! I'M EIGHTEEN, AND WHAT I FEEL IS MATURE EMOTION...I'M REALLY IN LOVE WITH ELIOT DRYDEN!



LATER, I WANTED TO BE ALONE, SO I SOUGHT A SECLUDED BENCH AT THE PARK CONCERT! SUDDENLY I WAS AWARE OF A LEAN FIGURE ABOVE ME...

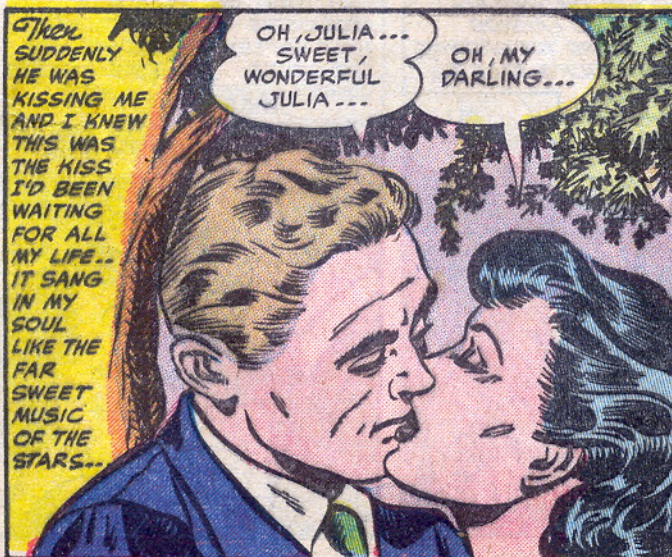
OH, MISS GIBSON! I HAD NO IDEA IT WAS YOU! I WAS LOOKING FOR A BENCH!

W-WE CAN SHARE THIS ONE, IF YOU DON'T MIND!

WE SAT QUIETLY AFTER THAT, CAUGHT IN THE SPELL OF THE HAUNTINGLY LOVELY MUSIC DRIFTING TOWARD US ON THE SOFTLY-SIGHING NIGHT BREEZES!



SOMEROW, I FELT HIS EYES UPON ME... I LOOKED UP... HIS TENDER FACE WAS CLOSE TO MINE...



OH, JULIA... SWEET, WONDERFUL JULIA...

OH, MY DARLING...

Then suddenly he was kissing me and I knew this was the kiss I'd been waiting for all my life... it sang in my soul like the far sweet music of the stars...



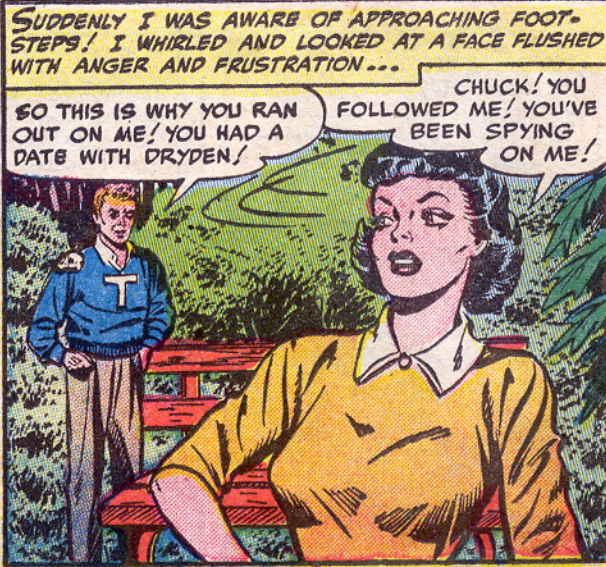
I... I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT! IT WAS THE SPELL OF THE MUSIC... AND YOU'RE SO LOVELY... I COULDN'T RESIST KISSING YOU...

I WANTED YOU TO KISS ME, YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?



DO I HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHY THIS IS SO WRONG? I...I'D BETTER GO!

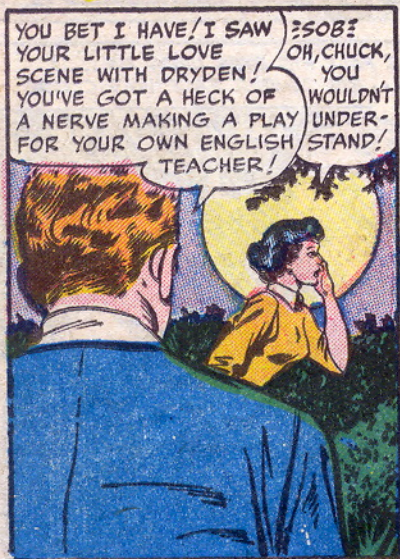
I KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING! HE'S MY TEACHER... I'M A STUDENT! THAT AUTOMATICALLY SEPARATES US... KEEPS US FROM BEING IN LOVE!



SUDDENLY I WAS AWARE OF APPROACHING FOOT- STEPS! I WHIRLED AND LOOKED AT A FACE FLUSHED WITH ANGER AND FRUSTRATION...

SO THIS IS WHY YOU RAN OUT ON ME! YOU HAD A DATE WITH DRYDEN!

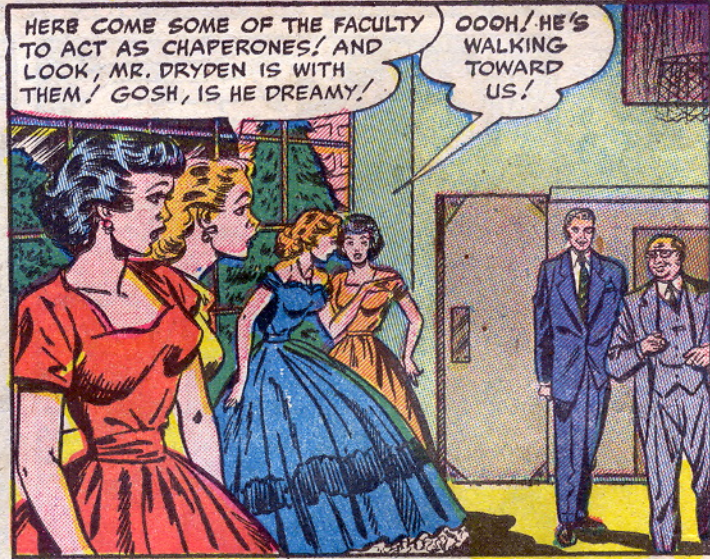
CHUCK! YOU FOLLOWED ME! YOU'VE BEEN SPYING ON ME!



YOU BET I HAVE! I SAW YOUR LITTLE LOVE SCENE WITH DRYDEN! YOU'VE GOT A HECK OF A NERVE MAKING A PLAY FOR YOUR OWN ENGLISH TEACHER!

SOB? OH, CHUCK, YOU WOULDN'T STAND!

AFTER THAT, THERE WERE ONLY EMBARRASSED GLANCES BETWEEN ELIOT AND ME IN CLASS! THEN ONE NIGHT, AT THE SCHOOL DANCE...



HERB CAME SOME OF THE FACULTY TO ACT AS CHAPERONES! AND LOOK, MR. DRYDEN IS WITH THEM! GOSH, IS HE DREAMY!

OOOH! HE'S WALKING TOWARD US!



MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE, MISS GIBSON?

WHY... OF COURSE, MR. DRYDEN!



I COULD SEE THE ENVIOUS LOOKS MY GIRL FRIENDS GAVE ME... AND THE GROWING ANGER ON CHUCK'S FACE AS WE DANCED...

MISS GIBSON... JULIA... COME OUTSIDE... I MUST TALK TO YOU!

ALL RIGHT!

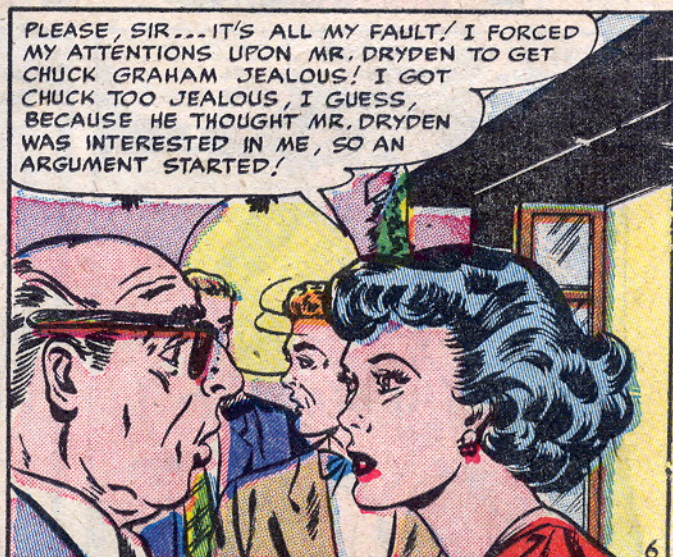
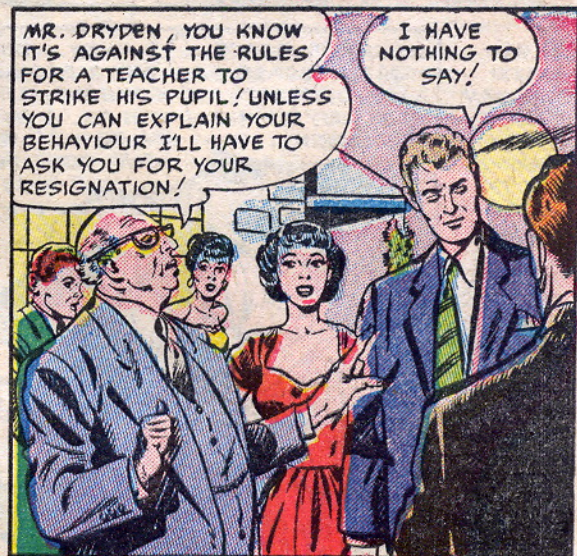
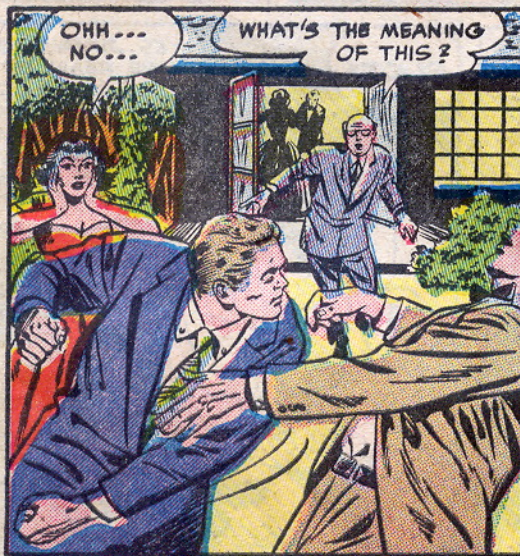


I... I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT HAPPENED THE OTHER NIGHT!

WHY APOLOGIZE? DIDN'T YOU LIKE KISSING ME?



ALMOST WITHOUT THINKING, ELIOT STRUCK BACK AT CHUCK... JUST AS THE OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS CAME UPON THE TERRIBLE SCENE...



LOVE SECRETS

I'M TO BLAME! I... I LOVED CHUCK SO MUCH I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW UNFAIR IT WAS TO MR. DRYDEN WHO WAS ONLY TRYING TO PROTECT HIMSELF WHEN CHUCK LOST HIS TEMPER!

OH, I SEE! IN THAT CASE, LET'S FORGET THE WHOLE THING! RUN! ALONG, YOUNG LADY... AND TAKE YOUR FOOTBALL HERO WITH YOU!

I COULD FEEL ELIOT'S EYES UPON ME, COLD, HURT, AS CHUCK SNICKERED AND GRABBED MY ARM POSSESSIVELY...

C'MON, HONEY! LET'S YOU AND I GO SOMEPLACE WHERE WE CAN MAKE SOME PLANS ABOUT OUR FUTURE!

NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE, HONEY, WE... HEY, JULIA! WAIT!

I...I'M SORRY, CHUCK! I DON'T LOVE YOU! SOB! PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE!

I HAD SAVED THE MAN I LOVED FROM SCANDAL, BUT THE PRICE WAS MY SELF-RESPECT, THE REALIZATION I'D LOST ELIOT FOREVER! AT MY HOME I WEPT FOR MY LOST LOVE, AND THEN SOMEONE WAS BEFORE ME...

CHUCK! OH, PLEASE... SOB!... PLEASE GO AWAY... I DON'T LOVE YOU! IT'S NO USE, CHUCK...

I KNOW... THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT SOMEONE ELSE WITH ME! I MADE HIM REALIZE WHAT YOU'D DONE FOR HIM!

ELIOT!

YES, JULIA! I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED BEFORE THAT YOUR "CONFESSION" TO THE FACULTY HEAD WAS ONLY TO SAVE ME FROM BEING DISCHARGED!

IF YOU DON'T MIND MARRYING AN OLD MAN OF TWENTY-FOUR WHEN YOU GRADUATE SCHOOL, I'LL BE WAITING!

OH, ELIOT... ELIOT, DARLING!

WHADDYA KNOW! LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE GETTING TWO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS SOON... A GRADUATION DIPLOMA... AND A WEDDING LICENSE!

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Love Won't Wait

BILL ANDREWS and I rollicked through our high school romance together and emerged with wonderfully brave plans for our future together. It must be a typical love story in many ways . . . we started going together during the tenth grade and Audrey Dinson and Bill Andrews were an "item" from then on. We were voted the most popular couple and it became generally accepted among our friends that we would marry as soon as Bill could get a good start in business.

As I look back, I guess that good start in business was really our first snag. I had known for a long time that mother looked upon my feeling for Bill as just a girlhood fancy that would pass when I developed what she considered to be a more mature outlook. At the beginning I didn't worry too much about her viewpoint and when she'd object to little things about Bill, like his casual clothes and his blithe, "Hi, Audie baby," when he greeted me, I just laughed it off. Mother's upbringing had been what I considered the old school. She'd come from a family of some means and her ideas of gentlemanly behavior and courting ways were a source of lots of snickers among my friends. And I must admit, Bill and I shared many a chuckle about it, too.

She didn't really begin to campaign until shortly after we had graduated from high school. Bill was scheduled to begin his new job at the local plastic factory the next day and we had been tearing around town seeing the gang and had just returned to my home. As mother walked into the living room, Bill was kissing me. She coughed very audibly and then sat down for a serious discussion. She stressed the point that we were very young to be seeing one another so frequently and stated that she did not approve of this modern theory of going steady. "In my time," she stated haughtily, "a girl was either engaged or she wasn't." And with that she left. Bill looked startled at first and then good-naturedly, he laughed, "Well, that was putting it to me, eh baby?" he said. "Guess I'll have to get on the move here."

The next evening when he came to call, he presented me with a lovely engagement ring. It was a complete surprise to me because we had planned to skip the formalities of an engagement and put the money into getting a small apartment started so that we could marry sooner. "I know your mom's been giving you a tough time about me, Audrey," he said. "Maybe she'll settle down when she knows my intentions are honorable."

Bill was right about the first part, mother had been lecturing me constantly, but contrary to what we had hoped, the ring didn't make any difference.

She then got launched on the economic side of a marriage . . . a certain amount of money in the bank, money for the "nice things that every girl should have," etc. And when I said it didn't matter, we'd make out because I had started working and planned to continue for a time after we were married, mother was horrified. And in spite of myself, I began to wonder if there wasn't something to what she said. I knew she was particularly bitter about the material things she had missed in her marriage to dad and all through my childhood I could recall arguments about money and not doing things properly, and many of the harsh words said years before came back to me with startling clarity. I became discouraged.

By then Bill felt that he was going places in his job and he thought it was time for us to get married. I voiced my fears about moving too quickly. "Now listen, honey," he said gently. "I know why you're scared but remember lots of couples started out with less than we have and are making a go of it." He talked convincingly, but in spite of myself, I insisted that we wait another six months to a year. "Just until you're better established and we have more to start on, darling," I said. I guess I believed it at the time, but when Bill brought it up again in six months, I was still frightened and unsure.

He grew angry, "You're not living in the gracious past now, Audrey. You've got to be practical. We've been out of school for three years and my job is secure and it has a future. We've both saved money and we love each other, what better foundation is there for a good marriage." It made sense and that night I told mother that Bill and I would be married. She didn't seem surprised, she merely talked calmly of the risks involved and rehearsed the many discussions we'd had before. Unwisely, I stayed to listen.

The next night I told Bill I thought we should wait a while longer. A cloud came over his face. "I don't think you'll ever be ready to marry me, Audrey," he said gravely. "Perhaps we'd better say goodbye right now." I protested and when he left I felt sure that it was just a tiff, and I'd hear from him the next day. He didn't. Bill never called me again.

He's a business success now and he's married to another girl. One who has a mind of her own and isn't afraid to work to make her marriage a success. I've secured a job in another town, and if love comes my way again, I won't take a chance on losing it through doubt and fear. At last I know that love won't wait!

LOVE HAD COME TO ME... BUT I SOON FOUND SUSPICION WAS BRANDING MY REPUTATION! YOU'VE ALL HEARD OF MY TYPE OF WOMAN... AND IF YOU'VE HAD A LOVE STOLEN YOU'VE HATED ME! THROUGHOUT THE TOWN I WAS SCORNE AND SHUNNED... FOR YOU SEE...

I WAS THE Other Woman



My NEW HOME WAS IN FRANKLIN... A SUB-URBAN COMMUNITY WITH LOTS OF PLEASANT GIRLS... AND A TOWN IN WHICH I FOOLISHLY HOPED I WOULD BE HAPPY AND CONTENT!



YES, I PRAYED I WOULD "BELONG" IN FRANKLIN... AND MY HOPES APPEARED TO BE REALIZED!

OF COURSE, SHE IS A BIT DIFFERENT! BUT I GUESS THAT'S JUST BECAUSE SHE COMES FROM ANOTHER TOWN!

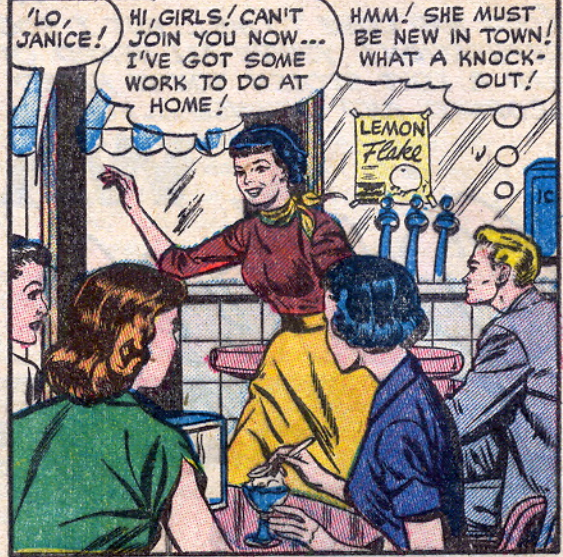
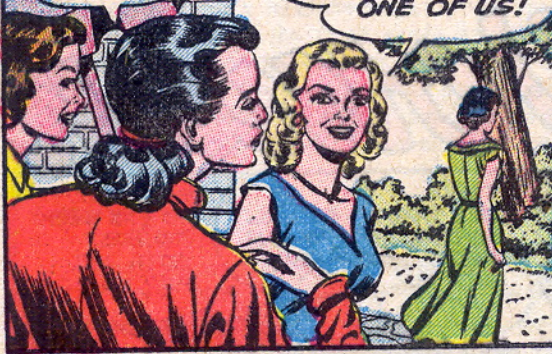
NATURALLY! DON'T YOU WORRY, GIRLS! JANICE WILKS WILL BE A WELCOME NEW MEMBER OF OUR GROUP! SHE'S... ONE OF US!

My HEART SKIPPED WITH JOY FOR MY NEW-FOUND FRIENDS, BUT HEART-ACHE AND TRAGEDY WERE SOON TO OVER-TAKE ME! LATER...

'LO, JANICE!

HI, GIRLS! CAN'T JOIN YOU NOW... I'VE GOT SOME WORK TO DO AT HOME!

HMM! SHE MUST BE NEW IN TOWN! WHAT A KNOCK-OUT!



IT WAS THEN THAT MEL CHAMBERS CAME INTO MY LIFE! AS I MOVED TOWARD THE DOOR...



GOSH, MY NAME'S MEL CHAMBERS! DO YOU SUPPOSE... I MIGHT TAKE YOU OUT SOME-TIME... SHOW YOU AROUND TOWN? I'M QUITE A RESPECTABLE GUY!

I'M SURE YOU ARE! THANKS, MEL, IT WOULD BE FUN! I'M JANICE WILKS!

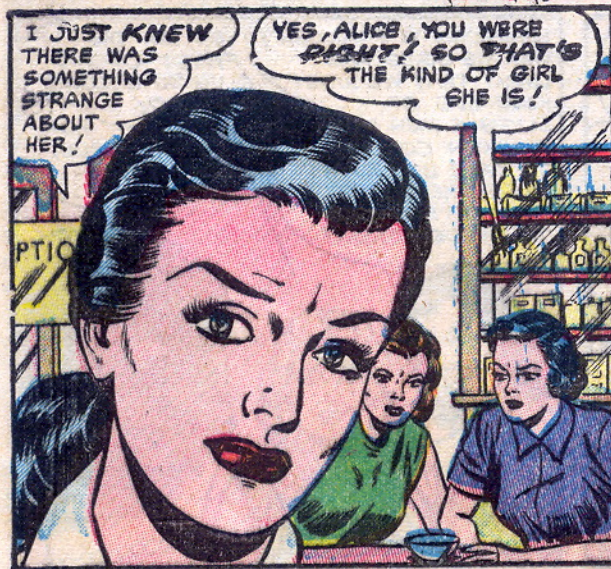


MEL'S FLASHING EYES ATTRACTED ME... BUT I COULDN'T HEAR THE UGLY TALK BEHIND US IN THE SWEET SHOP..



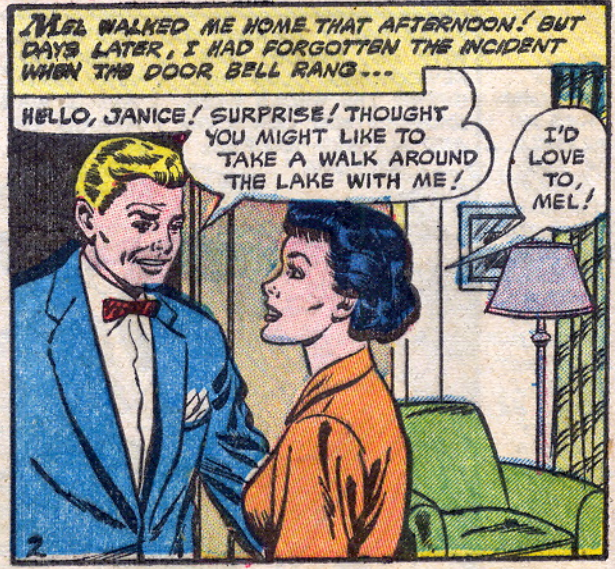
W-WHY SHE DELIBERATELY STRUCK UP AN AQUISTANCE WITH MEL CHAMBERS!

I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES! SHE BUMPED INTO HIM ON PURPOSE!



I JUST KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT HER!

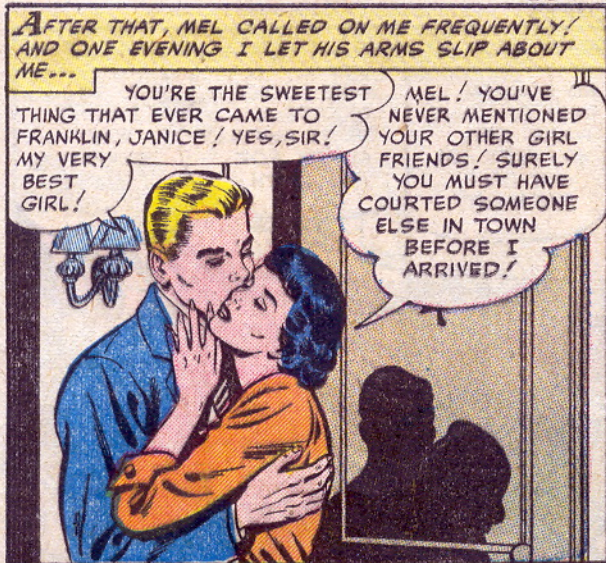
YES, ALICE, YOU WERE RIGHT! SO THAT'S THE KIND OF GIRL SHE IS!



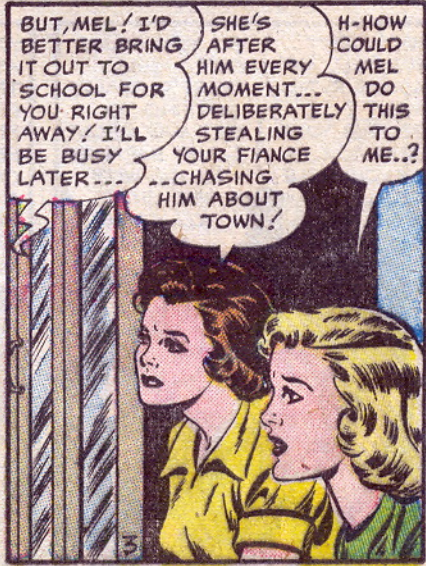
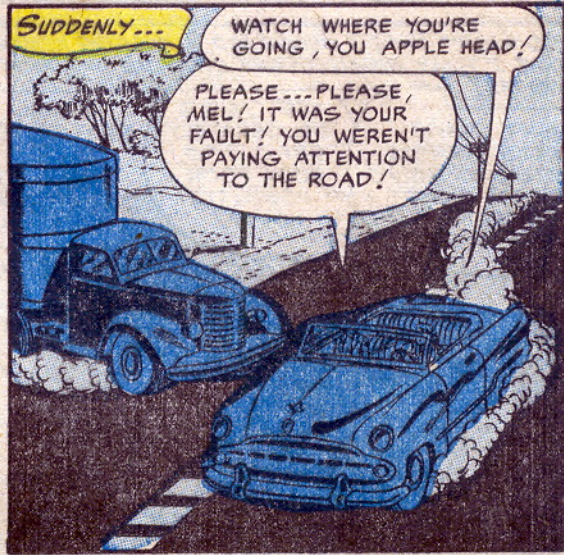
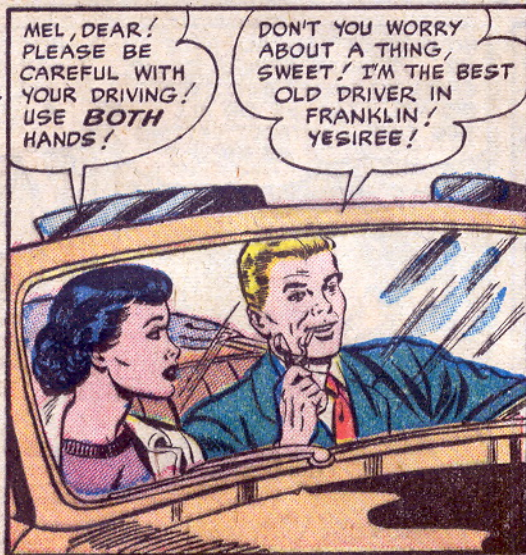
MEL WALKED ME HOME THAT AFTERNOON! BUT DAYS LATER, I HAD FORGOTTEN THE INCIDENT WHEN THE DOOR BELL RANG...

HELLO, JANICE! SURPRISE! THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO TAKE A WALK AROUND THE LAKE WITH ME!

I'D LOVE TO, MEL!



Mel
WAS GAY AND HAPPY. GO-LUCKY! A SENSE OF DANGER TOUCHED MY HEART BUT I REFUSED TO HEED IT! PERHAPS LOVE HAD FINALLY COME TO ME... AS IT HAD TO RUTH TILDEN...



THUS IN DATING MEL I WAS UNWITTINGLY BRINGING DISGRACE UPON MY NAME...THROUGH NO FAULT OF MY OWN...

PLEASE, MEL... WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR HOURS! YOU SHOULD BE HOME STUDYING FOR YOUR TESTS TOMORROW!

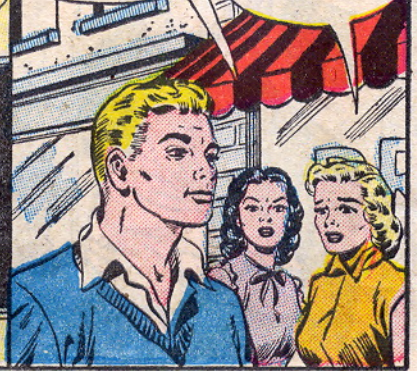
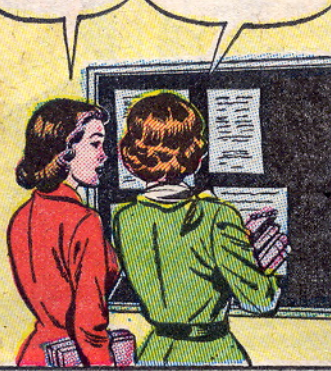
AW... I KNOW THAT STUFF BY HEART! LET'S HAVE ANOTHER DANCE, HONEY!

GOLLY! MEL CHAMBERS FLUNKED **THREE** COURSES!

NO WONDER... THEY SAY THAT WILKS GIRL HAS KEPT HIM OUT HALF THE NIGHT!

H-HE LOOKS DREADFUL... WE'RE AWFULLY SORRY FOR YOU, RUTH!

PLEASE... I DON'T WANT SYMPATHY...
SOB!
SOB!

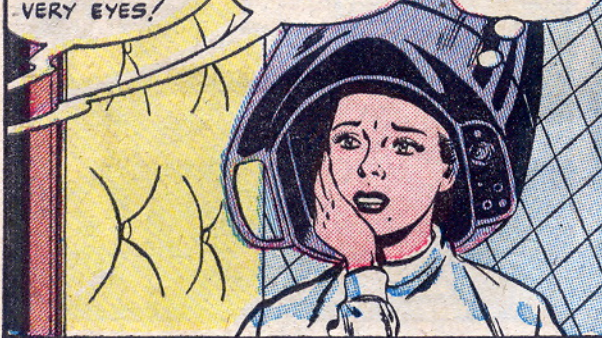


IT WASN'T UNTIL I OVERHEARD A PASSING REMARK THAT I FULLY REALIZED WHY EVERYONE WAS AVOIDING ME!

ISN'T JANICE WILKS TERRIBLE... STEALING RUTH'S FIANCEE RIGHT BEFORE HER VERY EYES!

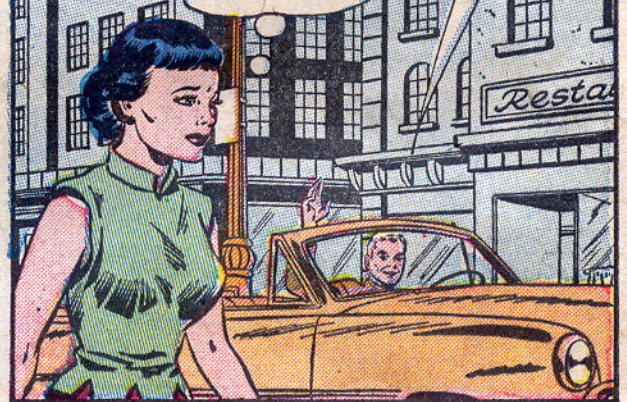
YES... SHE'S DELIBERATELY SET OUT TO HOOK POOR MEL... THE HUSSY!

M-MEL ENGAGED... TO RUTH TILDEN! IT... CAN'T BE TRUE...



NO WONDER THEY ALL HATE ME... I MUST APPEAR CHEAP... CRUEL TO THEM! BUT... WHY DID MEL LEAD ME ON ALL THIS TIME... WITHOUT LETTING ME KNOW?

HEY, JANICE... HOP IN AND I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT HOME!



WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT RUTH, MEL? I... I BELIEVE YOUR BEHAVIOR IS INEXCUSABLE!

SO YOU FOUND OUT! WELL, THERE'S REALLY NOTHING TO GET MAD ABOUT! I JUST HAPPENED TO GO WITH HER UNTIL YOU CAME ALONG!



YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST HAD THE DECENCY TO BREAK OFF YOUR ENGAGEMENT BEFORE GOING OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE! WE'RE FINISHED AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, MEL! W-WHA...

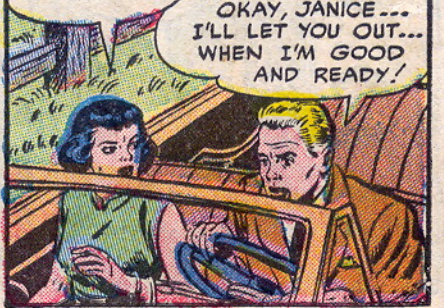
YOU CAN'T BRUSH ME OFF LIKE THAT, HONEY! I HAPPEN TO KNOW YOU'RE NUTS ABOUT ME! NOW GET IN THE CAR AND WE'LL TALK THINGS OVER!

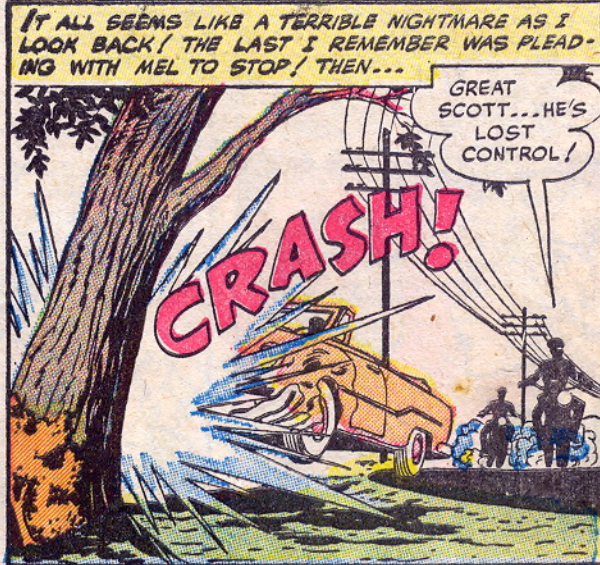
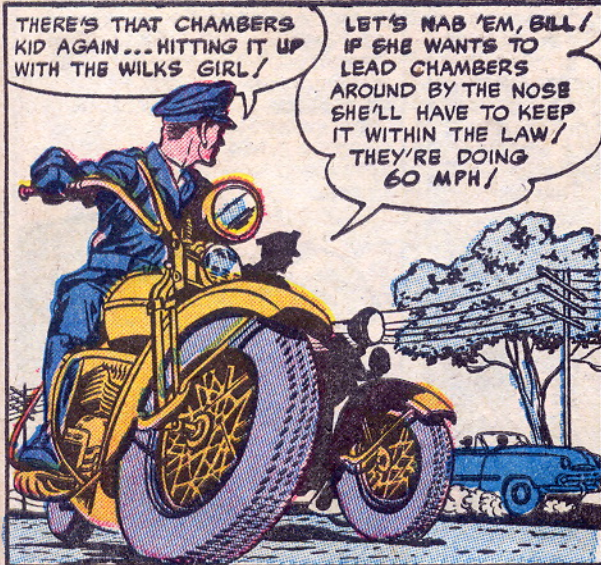


HATRED FILLED MY HEART AS I LEARNED FOR THE FIRST TIME THE TYPE OF MAN MEL REALLY WAS AS WE DROVE TOGETHER...

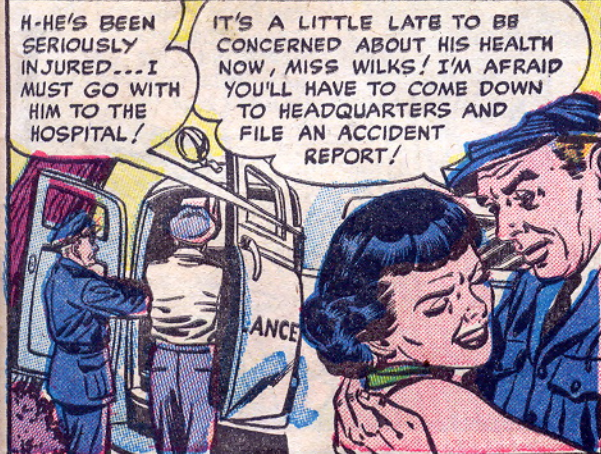
L-LET ME OUT, MEL CHAMBERS! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN YOU... YOU BRUTE!

HUMPH! THIS CAR WAS GOOD ENOUGH WHEN I WAS TAKING YOU TO SOME SWANK NIGHT CLUB! OKAY, JANICE... I'LL LET YOU OUT... WHEN I'M GOOD AND READY!





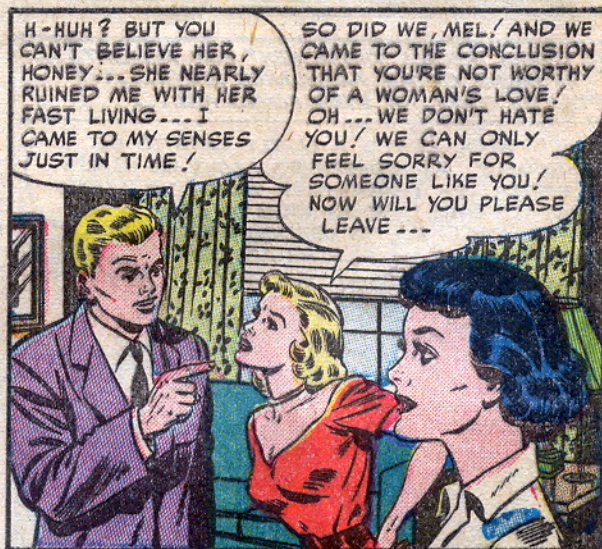
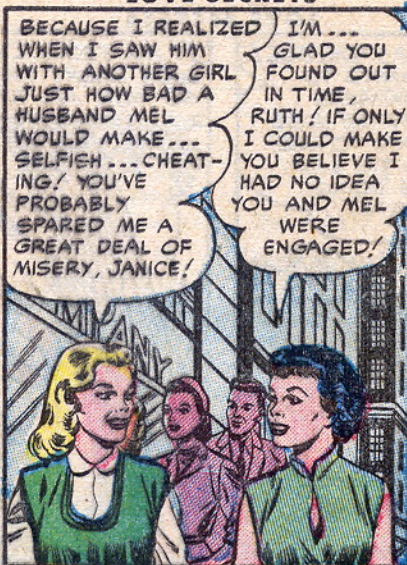
I VIVIDLY RECALL THOSE NEXT FEW MOMENTS... THE WHINE OF THE AMBULANCE SIREN... THE POLICE! THEN, MY EYES FOUND MEL...



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE MY HUMILIATION AS I STOOD BEFORE THE DECK SERGEANT AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



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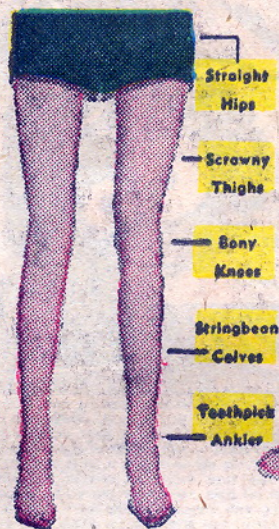
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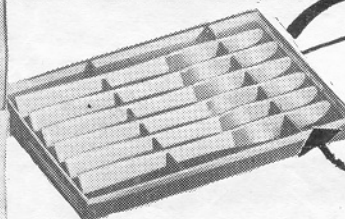
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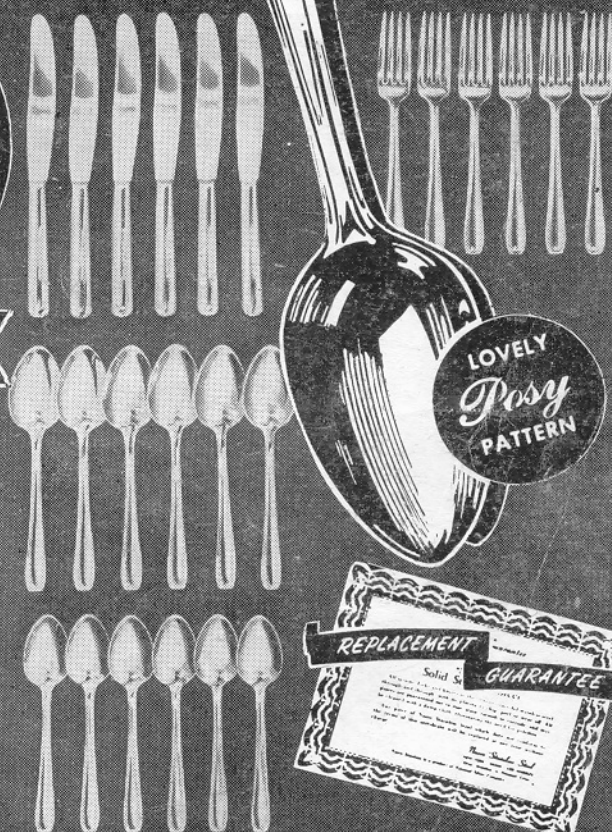


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